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THE S. S. POPULATION.

There are 29 Schools in the City —Membership, 5,704

The following interesting statistics as to the number of Sunday schools in Decatur, with total enrollment of attendants has been prepared:

NAME OF SCHOOL	SUPT.	Enrollment	Officers and Teachers	Average Attendance
BAPTIST				
First	E. A. Gastman	453	53	250
E Park Chapel	I. L. Saxton.	243	18	145
German (Dunk)	J. M. Shively	67	7	45
Antioch	Perry Orr	62	13	36
Broadway	S. M. Holmes	51	8	14
CHRISTIAN				
Tabernacle	Frank Howard	200	20	168
Riverside	Laura Chilcote	87	7	45
Edmond St	Mary Moore.	172	22	130
CHURCH OF GOD				
Bethel	W. L. Huff	104	19	65
CONGREGATIONAL				
First	E P Irving	161	21	134
Mayflower	Mrs Crary	70	10	49
EPISCOPAL				
St Johns	Rev Atkin	190	12?	69
LUTHERAN				
First	N D Myers	170	15	92
St Luke	P P Sether	104	4	75
St Paul (Ger)	Rev. Wagner	160		
St Johannes (Ger)	Rev. Metzger	800		
METHODIST				
First	J. G. Imboden	538	45	300
Sargent Chapel	E. S. McCarty	110	10	75
Wesley	T. B. Ewing	75	10	50
Grace	W. L. Sheila'bger	497	42	335
Grace Mission	Mrs B F. Mills	172	22	130
German	A. C Witzeman	102	15	80
Free	—Walker	60	10	30
African	I. R. Rogan.	104	14	60
PRESBYTERIAN				
Cumberland	W. F Vaughn	90	15	50
First	A H Mills	531	38	270
College	R G Wells	175	12	120
Westminster	R. J Simpson	208	14	102
UNITED BRETH				
Centenary	Thos. Wells	173	23	95

Total enrollment, 5,704; average attendance, 2,973.

High School News.

The contest between the Alpha Beta and Sapphonian Literary societies will be held to night in the Congregational church The following program will be commenced promptly at 8 p m

Debate—Resolved, "That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished" The affirmative will be sustained by Frank S Dickson and Wayne C Williams of the Alpha Beta, and the negative by Winifred Elliott and Estelle Williams of the Sapphonian

Oration—Mary Tolladay, Sapphonian, and Clarence Erwin, Alpha Beta.

Essay Marie Jemison, Sapphonian, and Cecil Davidson, Alpha Beta.

Recitation—Ella Clarkson, Sapphonian, and Charles Record, Alpha Beta

Music will be furnished by the Opera House orchestra

The admission will be 15 cents The proceeds will be devoted to buying new books for the High School library.

New Use for Corncobs.

LACON, ILL., Dec 12.—Frank Shafer brought to Lacon today a sample of sirup which a number of experts pronounced genuine maple sirup. It was nothing more nor less than corncob sirup, made as follows: Twelve clean cobs were put in a gallon of water and boiled until soft. Then the juice was strained off and a gallon of dark brown sugar solution added This is boiled a little while, resulting in a fine quality of sirup, hardly distinguishable from the maple product

Grand Chancellor Brown.

VANDALIA, Ill., Dec. 12.—A reception was given to John J Brown at the opera house to night by the members of Ben Hur Lodge, No 203, Knights of Pythias, in honor of his recent election to the position of grand chancellor of the state. Many Pythians from various parts of the state were present to participate in the festivities of the occasion. During the evening more than a thousand persons paid their respects to Mr. Brown.

The Prince of Orators

"SNOPS AND SNOBBERY."

Colonel Copeland for brilliancy, richness of thought, convincing argument, impassioned eloquence and convulsing wit and humor, is unquestionably the peer of any lecturer of the present time

Chicago *Times*

Y M C A. star course No. 3, Baptist church, Thursday night, Dec. 19 Admission 50c Reserved seats at Opera House drug store Dec. 13 2t

Special Chair Sale this week at Bachman Bros. & Martin Co. d11-d3

Old C & A Employe Killed

BLOOMINGTON, Ill, Dec. 12.—John Kirwin, one of the oldest employes of the Chicago & Alton railway, was under a freight car in the repair yards working on an air brake when the car was pushed upon him, causing death. He was a schoolmate in New York of James C Mullin, vice president of the Alton. He had been continuously in the service of the road since 1854.

Brother of Rev. McKnight.

DENVER, COL., Dec. 12.—Clarence McKnight, a young man who came here from Chicago, committed suicide in his lodging room Want of means and despondency is supposed to have been the cause.

The deceased was a brother of Rev. J P McKnight, the Christian minister at Harristown. He left yesterday for Denver

Most newspapers that some time ago thought very much out of place that the southern states "that could not elect a single Republican elector" should be for McKinley now, since some of those states are supposed to favor the nomination of Reed, seem to have so far changed their mind as to consider their support a right good thing.

To the Singers of Decatur

You are urged and invited to attend all the meetings of the Bible Institute to be held at the Presbyterian church, commencing Thursday, (tomorrow) at 3 p m. continuing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, to assist in the singing.

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Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

Race Clothing Mfg. Co.



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The latest in piece goods made to please you. Suits from $30 to the best.

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THE BIBLE INSTITUTE.

Resume of the Sessions Held at the Presbyterian Church.

The Sunday School Institute held at the Presbyterian church, this city, is highly appreciated by those who have attended its sessions. P. P. Laughlin, township vice-president, presides at all of the sessions. A visitor at the institute remarked: "You have President Cleveland with you as a presiding officer." Brother Laughlin is not unlike President Cleveland in some things, but nevertheless he is a good presiding officer.

Friday morning Rev. F. C. Oberly, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Decatur, talked of "Our Needs in the Heart." Col. E. H. Jeffres spoke of our needs in the school. These five minute addresses were followed by several two minute talks.

Geo. W. Miller, of Paris, gave a blackboard illustration of the value of normal drills. The various periods of Bible chronology were properly divided, and their signicance studied. For instance, from creation to the deluge was the period of probation; from the deluge to the exodus, the period of probation; following the exodus came the conquest and so on down to the period of servitude.

Friday afternoon Mrs. A. W. Conklin led the song service with Mrs. Simpson and Miss Clara Shasteen as organist and pianist.

Rev. J. Bernard, pastor of the Church of God, conducted the devotional exercises.

Mr. Bernard led off on the theme, "Communion with the Great Teacher," which was profitable and suggestive.

W. C. Pearce, one of the state workers gave an instructive blackboard lesson on the Life of Christ, that called our favorable commendation.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, opened the the topic of Sunday school management. When Mr. Hawkins left the platform Mr. Geo. W. Miller, state worker, grasped the speaker's hand saying, "I would pay my fare from Paris to Decatur just to hear Bro. Hawkins' address." His idea was that the Sunday school should have the immediate attention of the pastor who should secure punctual attendance through its officers. The church should give its hearty support to the school, and the superintendent should be eminently fitted for his office. Mrs. J. M. Crary, a practical teacher, read a splendid paper showing how to manage pupils, and in every sentence she hit the nail squarely on the head.

N. W. Woodford, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was the last speaker on this topic, and as usual, he handled his subject in a practical and earnest manner.

George W. Miller gave a clear and forcible talk in favor of holding a weekly teachers' meeting in connection with each school.

Mr. Miller told how a great benefit had been gained from teachers' meetings at various points in the state.

At 7:30 last night W. L. Shellabarger, superintendent of Grace M. E. Sunday school, had charge of the devotional exercises in which he made practical suggestions and said that he grew up in the Sunday school as his father and mother and sisters were workers in the Sunday school and this had a good influence and he was led to love the Sunday school work.

The Home Class Department was the theme of the evening, and George W. Miller handled this subject in a masterly way. The idea was what religion is in the home it will be in the church. The mission of the home department is to visit and look after the infirm, the hindered and the indifferents. If not attendants at Sunday school their names should be enrolled, they should be recognized and the schools should have supervision over them, and visit and fellowship them. The object is both Bible study, family religion and the enlargement of Christ's kingdom.

S. L. Hill led in a five minute address, while others were called out but excused themselves from speaking.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Penhallegon.

At the adjournment of the night session the pastors and superintendents and a few others met in the parlors of the Presbyterian church for the purpose of organizing a city union of the pastors, officers and teachers of the Protestant Sunday schools of Decatur. The ladies of the Presbyterian church served light refreshments including hot coffee to the company.

Dr. Penhallegon asked Rev. Mr. Onyett to return thanks when the inner man was warmed and put in a comfortable condition for the work that followed.

President Laughlin called on Geo Miller to state the object of the meeting which he did in an earnest address.

W. C. Pearce followed in a manly presentation of the subject. Rev. R. G. Hobbs also spoke favorably of the union, especially did he favor organization for carrying out the practical features of the home department work.

A committee was chosen to make nominations and report to morrow afternoon consisting of the following: R. G. Hobbs, J. E. Saxton and P. P. Laughlin

Rev. Wm. Cooper, pastor of the African M. E. church, made a few racy and pointed remarks, which convulsed the hearers with laughter.

A. H. Mills was unanimously chosen president of the Union At this point Dr. Penhallegon [illegible] well chosen sentences suggested that the teachers and others be consulted and the election of officers be deferred for a day or two. He had known many organizations born in the heart of enthusiasm to die soon thereafter.

Bro. Mills said this Union must go, and each one should be willing to make it a personal matter.

Rev. Archie Ward and Perry Orr were on hand and ready for the good work to go on.

Wm. Pearce intimated that Decatur could have the State Sunday school convention next May if an invitation should be extended. Decatur would be asked to furnish entertainment for about 700 delegates, furnish a place for holding the convention, and some money would also be required. It is quite possible the convention will come to our city.

To-night Andy H. Mills by request will give his illustrated lecture, "A Year with Christ," and Henry Lunn will lead the devotional service.

This afternoon among the speakers are the following: W. R. Scruggs, Geo. W. Miller, J. F. Wicks, J. E. Seaton, W. C. Pearce, Dr. Penhallegon and Prof. E. A. Gastman. At the banquet last night J. E. Saxton of this city was given the Endeavor salute as he was a delegate to the Christian Endeavor convention held in Indianapolis in 1873 when the present system of International lessons was adopted. It was unanimously voted to organize the union referred to above.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

—Topic for December 15 "What is True Friendship?"—Prov. 27:10–17–19.

—Last Sunday evening, Dec. 8, the Y P. S. C. E. at Argenta carried out the following program:

Topic—"God's Triumphs in the Mission Field."—Psalms 67.1–7.

Prayer.

Song—"Army of Endeavorers"—No. 237.

Leader—Mrs. C. B. Currier.

Lesson read and commented on by leader.

Song—"Stand up for Jesus"—No. 227.

Sentence prayers.

In what mission fields have the greatest triumps been won?—W. H. Hartman

Song—"Cast Thy Bread upon the waters"—No. 133.

What deeds and feelings on the part of Christians have made possible these triumphs?—Miss Nora Welton.

What share can we have in missionary triumphs?—Mrs. George Wilson.

Solo—Mrs. Ed. Gerber.

Benediction.

—Monday evening, Dec. 16, at the First M. E. society, Rev. R. G. Hobbs, of the Grace church, will speak on the Doctrines of the Methodist Church, What they are and What they Teach. All are invited to hear him.

—Sunday evening just preceding the C. E. prayer meeting, the Presbyterian society will hold a short business meeting. All the officers and chairman are requested to be present at 6:30 o'clock.

—Last Monday evening, Dec. 9, the Grace church society had an interesting missionary meeting. Miss Blackburn, the deaconess, was present and told them something of her missionary work.

—The County Union is arranging to have the first lecture on the Missionary Extension Course early in January.

—The society of the Church of God received three new members at their last business meeting. This society also held a social last week at the home of Mrs. Chandler on East Condit street. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

—Most of the societies in the city are planning some special services for Christmas.

—The society of the First M. E. church are bearing the expenses of their mission chapel in the north part of the city.

—How many of the Decatur endeavorers have joined the World's Christian Endeavor Prayer Chain?

County Board Business.

Chairman Bean named Supervisors Hockaday, Hanes and Nowlin as Macon county board delegates to the state convention of supervisors and highway commissioners to be held at Kankakee in January. Mr. Bean is also a member of the delegation.

Pauper and poor farm bills to the amount of $5,369 28 were ordered paid

The finance committee reported that the treasurer's report was correct and in proper form and showed a balance on hand Nov. 30, 1895, of $5,464 02.

The semi-annual report of County Clerk Dodd showed earnings for the six months ending Nov. 30 to be $6,345 08; expenditures, $3719.08; receipts, $4,421.39; balance due to the county, $1,795.39; total earnings for services rendered, $4,442 85.

A resolution was adopted instructing the overseer of the poor of Decatur township to close his office at 1 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week and to spend the time in looking after the paupers of the town. He was also instructed to aid no families when there is one or more able-bodied men in them.

Not Going to Peoria.

Mention of the calling of the Rev. Jordan Chavis to the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Peoria, was made a few days ago. This congregation is the flock of the late Rev. S. W. Anderson, colored, who committed suicide last July. It seems that the Peoria congregation made Mr. Chavis a flattering offer and he felt in duty bound to accept it, but subsequent action of his flock at Quincy decided him to the contrary and he will not go to Peoria.

THE young and the old, the strong and the weak, eat "FERRIS' OATS."

A NEW CLUB.

A Musical Culture Society Organized Yesterday.

The Musical Culture club is the name of a new organization perfected yesterday at the home of Miss Gussie Gorin, on Prairie avenue. Meetings will be held every two weeks and a regular program is prepared for each one, consisting of an essay on subjects of a musical character and vocal and instrumental selections. The membership is made up of some of the leading musicians of the city. At the meeting yesterday morning the following program was given:

Paper—"The Orchestra".....Miss Lytle

Vocal Solo—"Could I," Tosti .....

.....Miss Ebert

Piano Solo—"Serenade," Sensen.....

.....Miss Irwin

Vocal Solo—"To Welcome You," Thomas.....Miss Howard

The following is a list of the members who have already joined: Mesdames William Barnes, A. B. Alexander, O. E. Curtis, C. E. Dawson, Edward Denz, Jr. C. A. Ewing, Will Heilman, W. J. Hostetler, J. D. Jordan, Charles Montgomery, E. A. West, F. P. Howard, and Misses Irene Armstrong, Edna Bunn, Maude Burrows, May Condell, Lulu Cozad, Lillian Crea, Addie Ebert, Belle Ewing, Gussie Gorin, Carolyn Griswold, Ada Haines, Eugenia Harris, Pussy Hoskins, Beatrice Howard, Aldyth Irwin, Laura Johns, May Kimber, Edith Lytle, Nellie Moore, Bertha Randall, Margaret Roberts, Jane Roby, Sallie Scruggs, Corinne Shellabarger, Mary Voorhies.

FIXING UP THE HALL.

Old Calumet Club Rooms to Be Put in Good Shape.

Orlando Powers has put a force of men at work fixing up the old Calumet Club rooms in good shape for the temporary use of Coeur de Leon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, which fraternal organization will take possession about the first week in January. Every room will be burnished up and made as good as new, and then the lodge will put in the necessary furniture, the extent and quality of which will be decided upon at the meeting to be held next Wednesday night.

The trustees of the lodge are now ready to confer with former sub-renters for quarters in the rooms. It is expected that the hall will be occupied every night in the week. When the new six-story block is built finer quarters will be secured by No. 17, and the sub-renters will also enjoy the new home. There will be elevator service in the new block.

Xmas Candles at Brodess & Co.'s.

The Opera House.

Nearly all of the wood work in the interior of the Grand Opera house is completed, and in a few days the working force will be largely increased. The lathing will begin next week, and then will come the Rock plaster and the fresco artists. It is expected that the new house will be ready for shows early in February.

Was Out of Town.

Sheriff Nicholson was out of the city on Friday. He had gone to Pontiac to take the Vaughn boy to the Reform school. He did not learn what the county board had done about the Pacer Smith $100 hanging bill and the cut of the boarding bill until to day.

Special Chair Sale this week at Bachman Bros. & Martin Co. d11-d3

Card of Thanks.

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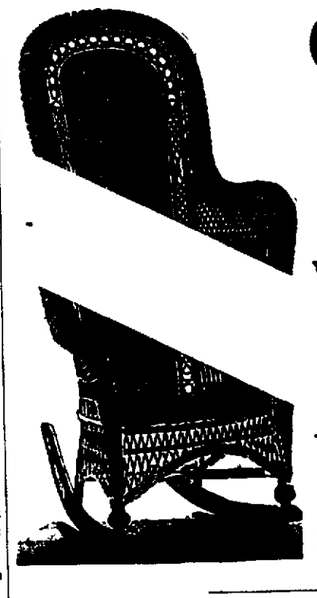
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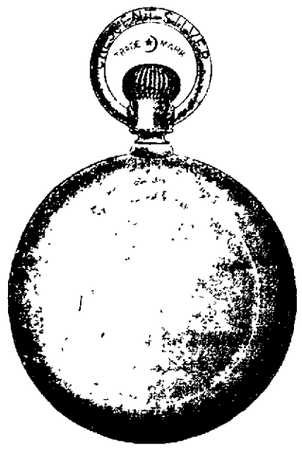
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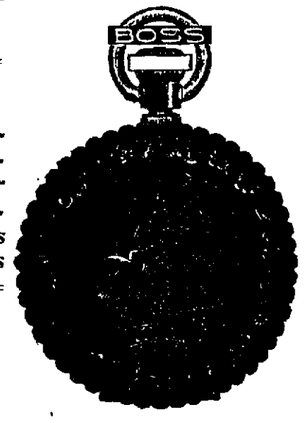
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SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 1895.

THE people can do a better job selecting one of their number to be president of the United States than any self constituted coterie of president makers.

MATTHEWS, of Indiana, seems to be willing to accept the nomination for president at the hands of the Democratic party, and we move the previous question.

THE Republicans will try to elect a president who will not be more enthusiastic over fish and fowl than over the solid, healthy meat of patriotism and the people's business.

THE indications now are that the so-called machine in Cook county which proposes to dominate state politics is doomed to get the worst shaking up any usurpers ever got.

IT is said that thus far 127,000 copies of Sherman's "recollections" have been sold upon which the author realizes $1 a copy. John Sherman can stand a good deal of abuse at these figures.

IT is a sad commentary on the Democratic party when the secretary of the treasury cannot submit his report to congress until the president elected by that party returns from a duck hunting expedition.

WORD comes from London to the effect that Bayard will not resign. Of course he won't. No man representing his country at a foreign court who could produce it as Bayard has done would honor it by a decent resignation.

THE names of those men who have been agreed upon by the machine to represent Cook county in the National Republican convention have been published in all the Chicago dailies. What have the people of Cook county done that they are not to be permitted to have a voice in soliciting delegates.

THE Mobile *Register* recently proclaimed that every man who voted the Republican ticket should be considered as a social outcast. If his rule could be made operative, considering the scarcity of Democrats, his idea of good society is limited in as great a degree as New York's "400."

THE last Republican administration paid off $259,071,960 of the public debt, reducing it from $844,106,220 to $585,034,260. Under the present administration it has increased by $162,327,700, the total now standing at $747,361,960. There is argument enough in these few figures to settle the presidential contest of 1896.

GOV. ALTGELD has managed in pardoning the two election thugs to come in contact with the civic federation of Chicago. In defending the pardon he charged that members of the federation that had secured the conviction of the thugs, were guilty of bribery. The federation will have something to say about it when the governor gives them particulars, which he has been asked to do.

THE cartoon in Sunday's *Inter-Ocean* which represents "John Bull" at the gates of heaven on a flying machine equipped with a cannon and a tripod, saying to St. Peter, "I hear that you have some streets paved with gold. I want a resurvey of the district showing that they belong to me," is a happy thought of the artist pictured, and takes off England's claims to territory in Alaska and Venezeula where gold has been found in a roaring manner.

Must Stop at County Seats.

The mandamus case against the Big Four Railway Company, which has been pending in the circuit court of Montgomery county, has been decided by Judge Shirley. The case was brought by the people of Hillsboro to compel the railroad company to stop its fast through train, known as the "Knickerbocker Special," at the depot in Hillsboro long enough to receive and let off passengers with safety.

The defense of the company was that the travel to and from Hillsboro was sufficiently accommodated by other trains, and that as the regulation and control of interstate commerce is vested exclusively in congress by the constitution of the United States, and the "Knickerbocker special" was a train devoted exclusively to interstate passenger traffic, no tickets being sold for or passengers received on it from points in Illinois to other points in Illinois, the state of Illinois has no power to pass and enforce a law requiring it to stop at county seats.

This defense Judge Shirley holds to be insufficient, and a peremptory mandamus was ordered to issue. The company will appeal the case to the appellate court. The progress of the case has been watched with interest by the residents of a number of county seats throughout the state.

Kalendar Kermiss. Kalendar Kermiss.

M. HANOTAUX, the late foreign minister of France, is one of the greatest living authorities on Balzac, as well as an historical student of the life and times of Richelieu. He has in contemplation a book on Balzac's experience as a pirate, founded on a large collection of documents in his own possession.

"EVERYBODY 'RAG.'"

A New Southern Amusement That Has Succeeded the Famous Cake Walk.

The old southern "cake walk" is becoming a thing of the past in some parts of the south. In its stead there is now a dance, which is known as the "rag."

The dancers form a square in the center of the dance hall, each standing separately, a man and a woman alternately.

Then there is a caller who stands in the middle of the floor.

"Join hands!" he yells. There is a shuffle of the feet and the gentlemen "sasha," or dance, across the room and join hands with the ladies. Both shuffle their feet, when presently the caller yells at the top of his voice: "Everybody 'rag!'"

Dancing continues for some time, and when all is over the best "ragging" couple are awarded the cake.

The "rag" is a dance very similar to the "old Virginia reel," but there is more shuffling of the feet and it is of longer duration.

Purchased a Laugh for Fifty Dollars.

A society girl, one of whose greatest attractions is a soft, little, musical laugh, entertained an interesting group lately with an account of how that prominent charm of hers was acquired. "Very few persons have, as you all know," she said, "an agreeable laugh. I had simply nothing that could be called such in my possession. The lack made me seem grim and too far from merry to be a successful companion. So I took lessons of an actor and learned the mechanism of forced laughter. This I practiced and improved myself till I had the art to perfection, and it became second nature. It cost me $50 to buy my laugh, but I would not part with it for thousands. You can't guess what a boon it is when the social atmosphere is full of Joe Millerisms."

Watery Claims.

It is the custom of fishermen all along the Maine coast to preempt certain watery claims, to which they have no more real right than any other free-born American citizens, and the man who attempts to venture within these undefined boundaries gets into trouble. It makes no difference whether alleged trespassers find any paraphernalia or other signs of fishing in the locality or not. It is related that the master of the sloop Ranger, of Eagle island, recently placed 50 lobster traps off Sears island, which is rather celebrated for its salmon fishery, and during the captain's absence 20 or more of them were utterly destroyed, as a gentle hint that those waters and the lobsters therein disporting belonged to other parties.

The Dutch Navy.

Holland's navy has grown antiquated. It will take $20,000,000 to put it into working order, but the ministry does not dare to ask for the money.

Tommy Atkins' Curls.

The British soldier has been ordered not to wear curls outside his cap.

MR. DEAN, of Deer Station, Champaign county, who was sent to the asylum for the insane at Kankakee, died there last Friday.

THE town of Benson has no cemetery

POWER OF THE BRAIN

Do Men and Women Ever Really Forget Anything?

The brain of mankind has been defined as a kind of phonographic cylinder, which retains impressions made upon it through the medium of the senses, particularly through the eyes and ears, says the Family Doctor. If this be true memory must depend for its intensity or retentive qualities upon the degree of observation with which the record is made.

Nor is this all. If memory's record is kept in the shape of indentations upon the folds of brain matter, are they ever entirely effaced? In other words, do we really ever forget anything? May it not be that the inner depths of the brain memory has stored up recollections of things which are never again purposely turned to, perhaps, but which instantly spring into being and flash through the mind whenever we hear or see something which recalls them?

There are several well-known mental phenomena which strengthen this theory. We know that memory often brightens during the last moments of life, and there are cases on record where Germans, French, Spaniards and others who, falling ill in this country years after having entirely forgotten their native languages, recovered and used them upon their deathbeds.

There is a theory that in all such cases the brain folds have relaxed, just as do the muscles and cords of the limbs and body, and that by so doing they expose to the mind's monitor indentations (recollections) which were long since folded up and put away as material that could not be of any particular use.

PROFESSIONAL PRISONERS.

Parisians Who Support Themselves by Going to Jail for Others.

The French are a practical people. For many years it has been the custom for the more explosive Parisian editors to keep a "ghost" round the corner.

Generally, says London Tit-Bits, the "ghost" is sipping absinthe at the nearest cafe. But he is the titular editor. And when the paper falls foul of the authorities and the editor has to go to jail, it is the "ghost" round the corner that goes. The scheme is convenient. Justice is satisfied and the paper comes out as usual.

There is an established bureau in the Rue Drouot, with a register and a tariff, for the supply of "doubles" for wealthy citizens who are averse to hard labor. It does a very thriving business, and does not limit its resources to catering solely for the requirements of newspaper men. Any gay young spark who falls foul of the police can, by a little judicious "squaring," send round to the bureau for a substitute, who for $1.25 a day, payable in advance, will take his place in prison and do the allotted time meted out for venial offenses.

For higher grades of punishment the tariff is a little more, and usually comprises an extra sum of ten dollars for a new suit of clothes upon release from jail.

DE WITT'S Little Early Risers for biliousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. West's drug-store.

GIGANTIC WATER WORKS.

Water Supply for London from Wales Is Now Projected.

The great system of waterworks to be built for the Boston metropolitan district, costing $19,000,000 at first, and estimated to require $25,000,000 for completion, is a big enough scheme in its way to satisfy anyone, but it is insignificant compared with the project favored by A. R. Binnie, chief engineer of the London city council, for providing water for the English metropolis, says the New York Telegram.

Mr. Binnie's temporary supply of 218,000,000 gallons daily is to cost about $85,000,000, and the full supply of 495,000,000 gallons he believes will require the trivial expenditure of over $190,000,000. While a parliamentary commission of distinguished engineers failed to find any reason for the belief that the present sources of supply could not be improved and enlarged at a much less expenditure so as to yield 504,000,000 gallons, Mr. Binnie has not been satisfied with near-by water sheds, but has cast his eye toward Wales, and in that land of jew's-harps and unpronounceable names has selected three streams which he considers of suitable character. They are the headwaters of the Usk, Wye and Towy rivers, and the watersheds lie in the counties of Cardigan, Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery. Several immense reservoirs are proposed for impounding these streams, and from them are to pass two great aqueducts, 150 and 176 miles in length, the former to be built first.

Each will be large enough to carry 240,000,000 gallons a day, and both are to be covered their entire length. The whole project is still on paper, and it is possible that it is merely a huge bluff on the part of the authorities to make the eight companies now supplying water to the metropolis sell out at a low figure. These companies have been paying high dividends. Their actual invested capital is estimated at $30,000,000 and the value of the properties at $180,000,000. Some of them are enlarging their works at the present time, in order to remedy the trouble caused by the severe frost of last year. The franchises are definite and exclusive in their grants, and there is every prospect of a nice legal fight before their works are sold at a low valuation or superseded by public works.

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142 Merchant Street, is Headquarters for

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Special prices on Candies for teachers, Sunday schools and churches.

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At the LOWEST PRICES ever heard of in Decatur. All departments of our store are crowded with WONDERFUL BARGAINS.

This week until all are sold, 5c Sauce Dishes at 2c.

We will Save You Money on

TOYS.

Drums, Banks, Tool Chests, Games, Books, Pianos, Magic Lanterns, Engines, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Velocipedes, Dishes, Trains, Stoves, Kitchens, Furniture, Rocking Horses, Desks, &c. We have all of them at LITTLE PRICES.

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All kinds—Hundreds of them.

A decorated Night Lamp with shade, 25c.

A large size decorated shade Vase Lamp, 98c.

Finest decorated Vase Lamp ever sold for $1.25.

Elegant Electric Banquet Lamp with silk shade, $2.95.

Side Lamp, burner and chimney, 25c.

All other styles from cheapest to finest equally low prices.

DOLLS,

Direct from Germany. Red China Paper Mache, Rubber, Wax, Worsted, Dressed, Bisque, Colored, Unbreakable—all sizes. We have the ONLY DOLL STOCK worthy of the name in town, and you will wonder how we sell them CHEAPER than any one else. Doll Buggies, all sizes, bought before the prices advanced.

FANCY CHINA.

Oat Meal Set, of bowl, pitcher and plate, 40c.

Lovely decorated A. D. Coffees in many designs, 10 to 25c.

Decorated Cups and Saucers, 10c to $1

Large Decorated Bread Plates, 25c

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$8.50 100 piece Dinner Set, $6.25

Individual Creamers, 10c.

Beautiful Cup, Plate and Saucer Set, 25c to $1.25.

New shape, large size Wash Bowl and Pitcher, 63c.

Glassware Dep't.

Sells fine Water Set with silverine tray, 59c.

Seven piece Berry Set, 24c.

House Furnishing Goods.

Large Bread Box, $1.00.

Stamped Steel Frying Pan, 10c

Jewelry Department

Sells Side Combs, 5c.
Belt Buckles, 10c.
Hair Pins, 10c dozen.
Belt Pins, 3c.

Notion Department.

6x8 Mirrors, 10c.
Set White Metal Tea Spoons, 25c.
Celluloid Purses, 5 to 25c.
Pocket Knives, 5 to 50c.
Harmonica Flutes, 25c.
Spice Chests, 99c.
Large size cherry Curtain Poles with 10 rings, 23c.
Window Shades with spring fixtures, 18c.

Fancy Boxes and Albums.

Handkerchief and Box Set $1.00.
Satin lined Toilet Case, 75c.
Celluloid Albums, 50c, 65c, 90c and $1.

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We had intended to close out our entire stock and quit the shoe business, but at the earnest solicitation of our many friends and patrons we have decided to remain in the Shoe Trade of Decatur, and will have the *largest, most elegant* and *best* equipped shoe store at the above named location in the West outside of Chicago.

Until Feb. 1st we will remain in our present location, where we will continue to close out the present stock. We do not wish to move a single pair of shoes, and will not if *low prices* and *good goods* will sell them. *Anything* you want at your own price, *regardless of value.*

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Walter Hutchin,
417 NORTH WATER STREET.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 1895.



ASHMORE sells "Perfect" Baking Powder.

YOU should call for the Little Rose and Bouquet cigars.

THERE are eight foundlings in the Deaconness' Home at Urbana.

DECATUR will have a pastor's, superintendents' and teachers' Sunday school union.

PURE, healthful baking is done with the "Perfect" Baking Powder. 25c per dound. Schlie & Oehler.

THE favorite pianos are the Haines and Reed & Son's, to be had only at the C. B. Prescott music house.

SAY, look at Grass' window. Fine line of imported water colors. Prices the lowest. dec7-2w

A MAN named Moon was presented with a daughter by his wife. That was a new Moon. The old man was so overcome that he went off and got drunk. That was a full moon. And when he got sober he had but twenty-five cents left. That was the last quarter.

IF you want to keep warm this winter have Leon & Morris put in one of their celebrated Akron Air Blast Furnaces. They can do you a good job. oct23-dtf

WE are receiving each morning duplicate orders of the most popular sellers in novelties in "*Silver Small Wares.*" If we were out of what you wanted yesterday we may have it to-day.
OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.

THE G. A. R. post of Waynesville has become so depleted in numbers that they are talking seriously of disbanding. The reason for this is that they are not strong enough financially to bear the necessary expenses. The Masons have tendered them the use of their hall, rent free, and it is hoped they will be able to go on.

State Tourney.

On January 14th the annual meeting of the Illinois State Firemen's Association will be held at Peru. Decatur ought to send a delegation to secure the state tourney for next summer. The tourney of last summer was a big thing. We ought to have it again, so we can get a big crowd, and once more hear the band play "Blue Island."

Mt. Carroll, Ill., is justly proud of her hose team, the present state champions Just now the fire department is busy at work putting in a gymnasium, that the boys will be in shape for work early in the spring, as it is the intention of Mt. Carroll people to retain the championship for three years, if possible, and to this end a better team if anything will be sent to the tournament in 1896 * * * In the company is a base ball team, a football team, a brass band and an orchestra. Mt. Carroll is proud of her department and thinks she has the swiftest hose team on earth. -*Western Fireman.*

The Barbers.

The barbers of Peoria are still considering the Sunday closing question. The journeymen barbers met Monday evening and the boss barbers yesterday evening. The Trades' Assembly has taken a hand in the matter, and an interesting meeting will doubtless be held next Monday evening, when the case will be considered in all its phases. The colored barbers are still determined to prosecute the white offenders. The Decatur barbers so far are inclined to accept the law.

Removal.

Miss E. Williams has moved from South Park street to the elegant store room at 228 North Main street, where she has displayed all the latest and seasonable styles in millinery. Friends are cordially invited to call. dtf w1

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Cloaks.
First Quality
FRENCH CONEY CAPES,
30 inches long, 100 inch sweep, worth $12.50, heavy Satin Linings, for..... $5.95
Fine Quality
CHINA SEAL CAPES,
30 inches long, 100 inch sweep, extra fine Satin Lining, regular price $16, for.... $9.90
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30 inches long, 100 inch sweep, all full skin, heavy Satin Lining, regular price $20, for..... $11.50
Finest Quality
WOOL SEAL CAPE,
50 inch long, 100 inch sweep, Marten edge all around, regular price $40, for.. $29.50
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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Executive Committee to Meet Dec. 21 to Arrange Program and Fix Date for Meeting —The Law.

At the meeting of the members of the board of supervisors and others held yesterday to organize a County Farmers' Institute, for Macon county, after the election of officers, reported in the REPUBLICAN yesterday, the executive committee arranged to meet on Saturday, Dec. 21, to arrange the date for the first meeting of the institute and prepare a program. The act of the legislature, passed in 1891 and amended in 1895, for the purpose of encouraging the organization of farmers' institutes in each county in the state, reads as follows:

Section 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated the following sums, to-wit: The sum of $50 to be paid annually to the treasurer of each Farmers' County Institute which shall hold annually one or more public sessions, of not less than two days' each at some easily accessible or central location in the county and which shall be held for the purpose of developing a greater interest in the cultivation of crops, in breeding and care of domestic animals, in dairy husbandry, in horticulture, in farm drainage, in improved highways and general farm management, through and by means of liberal discussions of those kindred subjects and in the distribution of the papers and proceedings of such institutes. But one institute in any county shall become entitled to the benefits of this act.

Section 2. No offices or officers of any farmers' county institute shall be entitled to or receive any moneyed compensation whatever for any service rendered the same.

Section 3. The president and secretary of each farmers' county institute shall file annually with the auditor of public accounts a sworn statement, in which shall appear a copy of its printed proceedings, showing the title of the papers read and by whom; as also by whom discussed and date and dates, place or places of meeting with the daily average attendance thereat, and also a detailed and itemized statement of all the necessary expenses incurred in arranging for and holding such meetings.

Section 2. That on the full compliance of all the requirements contained in Sections 2 and 3 of this act, and on the order of the president, countersigned by the secretary of such farmers' institute, the auditor of public accounts shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer in favor of the treasurer of the farmers' county institute for the sume expended by such farmers' county institute: Provided, always, that the amount to be paid any such farmers' county institute shall in no event exceed the sum of $50 annually.

The board of supervisors, before adjournment, set apart the circuit court room or any other available place in the county building for holding the first meeting of the institute.

Better Fire Protection.

The recent fire in the Powers block, coupled with the threatened danger at St. James Hotel, the same night (Nov 4) was pretty good proof that Decatur is in need of a better equipped fire department—more men, more steamers—an outfit equal for just such an emergency. The council has recognized the necessity of an improvement, but it appears that as yet there has been no noticeable addition or change. Our short-handed department, with the aid of Springfield's contribution, did good work that night, but the fire got in its devastating work. A few nights later Indianapolis had a big fire, and since the $500,000 loss the people over there have been making a howl for better fire protection, and the kick has been carried to such an extent that the insurance companies threaten to pull out of the town.

A Large Number.

Fully five thousand clergyman have filed their applications with the Western Passenger assotian for half-fare permits for 1896, and about as many more will be in before the work is completed. The bureau appointed by Chairman Caldwell to look up the identity of each one of all the applicants is, at present, fairly swamped with the amount of work on hand. Great care is being taken to prevent the permits from getting into the hands of alleged clergymen, as has happened so often in former years, and it is expected that the number of permits issued will be less by far than in any year during the last decade.

Cold Wave for Christmas.

The St. Louis manipulator of the weather predicts that there will be a cold wave Dec. 20th. The 23d and 24th are reactionary centers, around which will gather warmer temperature, ending in more storms of rain and snow, and followed by a cold wave for Christmas. December goes out as it came in—with a storm period, containing a full moon, in progress. The crisis of the closing period will be reached about the last day, in connection with the second full moon for the month. Gales on land and and sea will howl dirges for the dying year and swell loud ovations to the new.

A Bluff.

And now comes a Decatur man, who has concluded to build a new hotel in Tuscola. He was over Tuesday, and it is said he has the capital. It is claimed that he has an option on the lots north of the I. D. & W. depot, and has his plans already drawn up. We are under the impression that a good deal of bluffing is going on all around about this hotel racket.—Tuscola *Review.*

Hotel Losses Adjusted.

The losses caused by the fires in John R. Dougherty's hotel, saloon and notion store, at the corner of Eldorado and Jasper streets, last week were settled by the insurance adjusters yesterday. The insurance was on building, $13,500, notion stock, $5,500; hotel furniture, $1,400. The amounts paid were: On buildi g $1,300; stock, $140.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Z. Hollingsworth, northwest of the city, Friday, December, 13—a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Drobisch of West Wood street, on Friday, December 13—a son.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

Contest Between the Alpha Beta and Sapphonian Societies at the Congregational Church.

The contest between the literary societies of the High School took place last night at the Congregational church before a large audience that paid 15 cents per head for admission to defray expenses. The contest was between the Alpha Beta and Sapphonian societies. The former was represented in the debate by Frank S. Dickson and Wayne Williams, and the latter by Winnifred Grace Elliott and Estelle Verne Williams. In the orations, essays and recitations the Alpha Beta society was represented by Clarence Erwin, Cecil Davidson and Charles Record, respectively, and the Sapphonians by Mary Tollady, Marie Jenison and Ella Clarkson, respectively. Taken as a whole the contest was very creditable, not only to those engaged in it, but to the Decatur High School; and it was evident in some cases that to decide between the contestants was no easy matter for the judges.

The debate was especially interesting, and the contest was very close. The question was, "*Resolved*, That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." Frank S. Dickson and Wayne C. Williams had the affirmative, and the Misses Elliott and Williams the negative and in the discussion every one of them showed they were debaters of more than ordinary ability. The affirmative argued that government derived its power from the consent of the governed, and if an individual had no right to take human life such power could not be conferred upon the government; that capital punishment is demoralizing and does not tend to diminish crime, and that the abandonment of capital punishment by four states and a failure to return to it showed that the people of these states in a fair trial were satisfied that their condition had been improved. The negative argument was that if the individual had no right to confer the power to inflict capital punishment upon the government because he had no right to take life himself, then he had no right to confer the power to imprison upon the government, because he had no right to bind or imprison an offender himself; that capital punishment might be demoralizing, but the method of inflicting it could be changed as indeed it had been in many states; that because four states had abolished capital punishment, it could not be held that the people of those states were wiser than the people of 40 states that do inflict the death penalty. Both sides made ample application of the Mosaical law and the teachings of Jesus Christ to support their respective sides.

In the orations Mary Tolladay told of Joan of Arc, portraying splendidly the heroism and beauty of character of here subject, while Clarence Erwin contrasted the public records of Senator David B. Hill and Police Commissioner Theodore Roseyelt.

Cecil Davidson read a strong and splendid essay on the Cuban question, favoring independence, and Marie Jenison's essay dealt with Whittier and freedom, covering the contest for the abolition of slavery in a masterly manner.

The judges were E. A. Gastman, W. F. Calhoun and Frank Hamsher, who awarded the points to the Alpha Beta society in the debate, and to the Sapphonian's on the oration, recitation and essay. The church was decorated with flowers and potted plants, and the orera house orchestra furnished the music. Prof. Shepherd opened the meeting with some preliminary remarks explaining the object of these contests and introduced J. T. Whitley, who had been selected by the societies as president of the meeting.

Hare and Hound Chase.

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock the Peoria High school boys will have a hare and hound chase. This is for all High school boys, and they are earnestly requested to enter. It is to bring out the winners who intend to try for Champaign in the spring, and all should enter. The High school seniors have appointed a committee to see about a class play. This shows the spirit of the class and a fine attraction is sure to be had. The class of 1896 are making great preparation for their party on New Year's eve. —Peoria *Transcript.*

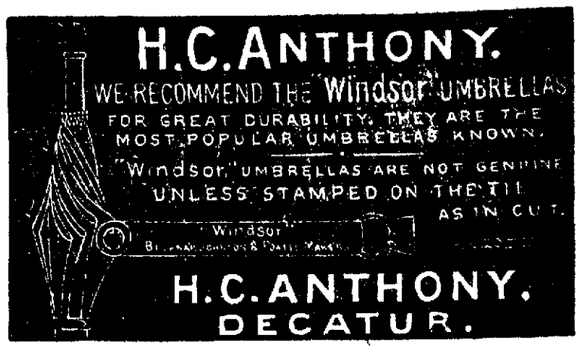
Held to Answer.

In Justice Odor's court last evening Dudley Samms had an examination on a charge of assaulting Jasper Crane with a deadly weapon at the Drohn saloon. He was held to await the action of the January grand jury, bail being fixed at $200. Attorneys Fitzgerald and Mr. Griffin prosecuted Samms, and Whitfield & Deck appeared for the defendant.

A Milk Run.

L. J. Purdom is now hauling milk for a Decatur dairyman. He has a run on the ridge and connects with the main wagon at Forsyth. He travels 25 miles every day.—*Warrensburg Times.*

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Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.



Sensible Suggestions for Gift Buyers.

Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Mufflers, Neckwear, Aprons, Fancy Garters, Silk Kid and Mocher Mittens, Hosiery, Corsets, Suspenders, Ice Wool Fascinators, Canes, Fancy Work, Night Dresses, Dress Shirts, Cuff Buttons, Night Shirts.

Umbrellas, Canes and Sets. For the holidays, the largest assortment of finest goods. Many artistic effects in black silk Umbrellas, with handles of imported wood, gold and silver trimmings, horn, ebony and ivory. Men's black silk Umbrellas, tight roll, with best SOLID LEATHER CASE, handles of imported natural wood.

$5.00 Values Monday for $3.49.

NOTE—My umbrella stock has never been so full of nice novelties. All INITIALS engraved on canes and umbrellas FREE.

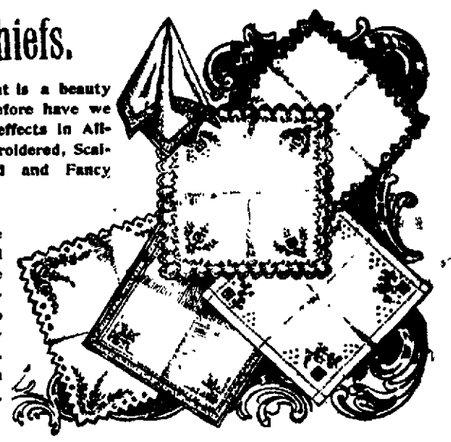
Holiday Fancy Work.

You know how a self-wrought gift is appreciated. Why not make a trip to this fancy goods stock and pick out a few pieces that artistic needlework will turn into appropriate gifts?

Our Christmas Windows will be Ready Wednesday

Handkerchiefs.

This department is a beauty in itself, as never before have we had such beautiful effects in All-Linens, Swiss Embroidered, Scalloped, Hemstitched and Fancy borders.



Come and examine stock. Will be glad to show you the line as space will not allow us to try to quote prices, only saying we commence with India Linen, lace trimmed,
* AT 5c. *

Store News for Economical Shoppers.

Not many days left in which to get rid of surplus stocks in some departments and odds and ends in others. We have gathered all those things that need early selling and have clipped the prices to half and two-thirds. Not a single article but is worthy of note. Give them an examination before buying. Look to the Underwear, Hosiery and Corset departments.

5 Flyers for Monday Only.

Children's Outing Flannel Gowns,
Sizes 6 to 14 years.
Regular Price is 75c, Monday..... 49c.

Two Suits (four garments)
Ladies' Fleece Ribbed Underwear,
Pearl Buttons, Silk Ribbon at Neck.
Monday only..... 73c.

Two Suits (four garments)
Gent's Heavy Fleece Underwear,
Silk bound, Monday only..... $1.49.

Three Spools
Best 6 Cord Spool Cotton,
Limit three spools..... 5c.

Four Balls Clark's.
Mile End Crochet Cotton,
Limit four balls..... 10c

OPEN EVERY EVENING NOW.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR. ILL.

Daily Republican

SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 1895.

YOU PAY TOO MUCH,

if you pay more than we charge for Perfumes. We have the best only, and charge no more than you pay for the inferior. Fine odors in cut-glass bottles, and empty cut-glass bottles to be filled with your favorite perfumes, fragrant and lasting.

KING & METZ, - Druggists.

LOCAL NEWS.

SMOKE the Defender cigar. tf

HOLIDAY cigars, by the box, West's Drug Store.

XMAS candies, put up in fancy boxes and baskets, at Brodess & Co.'s. 14-d6

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

TRY "Perfect" Baking Powder, at Culver's.

ROGER & GELLET perfumes, full line, just received at Whitley's.

IRWIN'S Iron Tonic Bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

FULL line of bulk and bottled perfumes at Whitley's.

Ten barbers at Norman's. 26-tf

Go to Henry Bros. bakery for all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. dec26-dtf

FINEST Belleflower apples, grapes, nuts and candies at John Finn's. dec12 dtf

See those fine carving sets at C. L. Griswold & Co's.

Two hundred and fifty kinds of candy to select from at Brodess & Co.'s. dec14-d6

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.

IN a few days the Municipal Electric Light company will have its old engine going at the works and will then have double power. The company has about 4,500 incandescent lights on its list going every night.

LOCAL physicians believe that there is little or no danger of an epidemic of diphtheria. Every possible precaution has been taken to confine the disease within its present bounds.

BETHANY, the enterprising, bustling suburban town of Decatur, is confidently expecting a building boom next spring. Two new business blocks are contemplated and work will begin early in the season.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

THE men's meeting and the worker's training class at the Y. M. C. A. rooms will be adjourned to-morrow, and all members are urged to hear the addresses at the Sunday school institute in Presbyterian church.

THE Sons of Veterans have perfected a plan of reorganization which will add greatly to the strength of the camp. The old drill squad which gained such an enviable reputation at past state encampments is to be reorganized.

GEO. DILLING, who is well known in Decatur, has gone into business for himself in Cerro Gordo. He has purchased the boot and shoe store formerly conducted by Davis Folrath in that village, and is doing a large and flourishing business.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR

EASTERLY Camp, M. W. A., is preparing for a grand log rolling which will take place early next month. Speeches, music, and refreshments will be served. The neighbors are expecting a great deal of amusement and will exert themselves to please their guests.

TO-DAY Laughlin & Cloud sold to Capt. George Wright, of Todds Point, Shelby county, Ill., the handsome new residence owned by S. S. Jack on Powers avenue. The captain is favorably known in this city, and himself and family will locate in Decatur about March 1.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR

AT the English Evangelical Lutheran church on Sunday forenoon, Rev. Frank C. Oberly will be formerly installed as pastor of that society. The installation sermon and ceremonies will be conducted by Rev. Sadtler of the Lutheran seminary of Chicago, and he will also deliver a sermon at the evening service.

Kalendar Kermiss. Kalendar Kermiss.

Cloak Sale

ALL THIS WEEK.

No smoked or damaged goods on sale. All fresh, new styles.

Jackets at $5, $6.50, $7.50, $10, $12.50 and $15.

Cloth Capes at $5, $7.50, $10 and $12.50.

Fur Capes at $5.00, $7.50, $10, $15 and $20.

Children's Cape Coats at $3.50, $4.50, $5 and $7.50.

NOTICE:

We make to order any special size of Jacket or Cape.

We make Plush Coats over into nice Capes.

We put new sleeves of any material into Jackets.

We reline Muffs, for Capes or Jackets of any kind.

We make up Dresses, Waists and Skirts to order at short notice out of any material.

GIVE US A CALL.

CHAS. T. JOHNSTON,

151 N. WATER ST.

DIED AT RAMSEY.

Charles C. Stoddard at Rest After a Long Illness.

Charles C. Stoddard, who has been in poor health for several years, caused by lung trouble, died this morning at 4:30 o'clock at the home of his father, Dr. Stoddard, at Ramsey. He had been in New Mexico for several months and while there seemed to improve, but the change was not of permanent benefit. He was brought to Ramsey by relatives, and it was soon apparent that death would be only a question of a few weeks.

The deceased was about 42 years of age and leaves a widow and one child. He made his home in Decatur for many years, serving for a long time as a salesman at Linn & Scruggs' dry goods house. He was a member of Cœur de Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, of Decatur Division No. 36, Uniform Rank, K. of P., and of Decatur Camp, 144, Modern Woodmen. Charley had held the highest offices in the K. of P. organizations, and was a hard and efficient worker. He was a genial, whole-souled man, and was ever ready to perform his part in all the fraternal organizations of which he was a member.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Ramsey.

It is probable that the Decatur lodges will be represented at the funeral

SPECIAL TRAIN.

The fraternal organizations have chartered a special Illinois Central train to take the funeral party to Ramsey tomorrow. The train will leave the Union depot at noon Sunday. The fare for the round trip will be $1.00. All members of the above named organizations and the public generally are invited to go along. The train will return immediately after the funeral. It will get back at about 5 o'clock in the evening.

All members of the societies are requested to meet at the REPUBLICAN office this evening at 8 o'clock to complete the details for the journey.

COEUR DE LEON LODGE.

All members of Coeur de Leon lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, are requested to meet at Chevalier Bayard hall in Library block at 11 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 15, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Past Chancellor C. C. Stoddard. Train will leave for Ramsey at 12 o'clock noon.

S. D. MCKINNEY, C. C.

F. W. WISMER, K. of R. & S.

DECATUR DIVISION, NO. 36.

All members of Decatur Division, No. 36, Uniform Rank, K. of P., are ordered to report in full dress at Chevalier Bayard hall, in Library block, Sunday, Dec. 15, at 11 a. m., to attend the funeral of Past Major C. C. Stoddard. Funeral at Ramsey. Train leaves Union depot at 12 o'clock noon. Per order, MAX ATLAS, Sir Knight Captain.

PINNELL.

At the family residence, 532 East Marietta street, at 3 p. m., Friday, Dec. 13, Mrs. Inez Pinnell, wife of C. C. Pinnell, aged 27 years. The body was taken to Kansas, Illinois, to-day for burial. Mrs. Pinnell leaves a husband and a baby 9 days old.

Hopkins is Reed's Understudy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Representative Hopkins, of Illinois, has the honor of being the first chairman to preside over the committee of the whole house. His selection is held to indicate that in the event of Mr. Reed's illness or compulsory absence from the house he will be designated to temporarily serve as speaker, holding the same relation in this respect as did Mr. Richardson to Mr. Crisp during the last congress. Mr. Hopkins makes an excellent presiding officer, and had the name of Mr. Reed been barred, would have made a strong race for the speakership. He is recognized as belonging to what is designated as the younger element.

Review Special Edition.

The *Review* Publishing Co.'s Special Building Edition, comprising forty pages, came out yesterday, and has been generally inspected and approved. It is a very creditable send-off for the *Review* and Decatur, as well as for the many individuals whose pictures appear on the pages. Some of the portraits are not as correct as they might be, but as a whole the illustrated edition is a meritorious and praiseworthy enterprise.

Eastern Star Election.

At the last regular meeting these officers of Decatur Chapter, No. 111, order of the Eastern Star, were elected:

W. M.—Miss Carlotta Adams.
W. P.—J. N. Baker.
A. M.—Miss Mae Cochran.
Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Bradley.
Treasurer—Judd Wood.
C.—Mrs. Mary E. Ferguson.
A. C.—Miss Ona Culbertson.

Xmas Candies at Brodess & Co.'s.

$30,000 To Pay.

In the U. S. court at Springfield Judge Allen entered an order in the matter of the Central Trust company of New York against the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railway, authorizing Receiver E. O. Hopkins to pay the coupon falling due July 1, 1895, on first mortgage bonds, amounting to $30,000.

Sherman's Recollections.

Capt. W. W. Foster, who is agent for John Sherman's Recollections of Forty Years in the House, the Senate and the Cabinet, reports that he has sold close to 100 copies of the book since he received the agency one month ago, and has not been outside of the city.

Decorations.

The merchants are fixing rapidly for the Christmas holidays. In the show windows appear many handsome goods tastefully arranged.

Oysters.

Standard, Selects and Extra Selects, in cans. Standard and Selects, in bulk, by express daily.

dec12-d3t PEARL OYSTER & FISH CO.

WHEN you want good meat order it with your groceries from John Finn. dec12-dtf

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

John Harvey, Son of Dr. J. G. Harvey, Killed in Chicago.

John B. Harvey, a young man about 26 years of age, and son of Dr. J. G. Harvey of this city, was run over by a vehicle in Chicago yesterday and so badly injured that he died about 7 o'clock this morning. Dr. and Mrs. Harvey and Daniel Dunbar left this morning for Chicago. Young Harvey was employed as a clerk in a drug store. No details concerning the accident have been received here.

The following concerning the sad affair is clipped from this morning's *Times-Herald*:

J. B. Harvey, a clerk in the Truax surgical implement store, 75 Wabash avenue, and who boards at 257 Ontario street, was probably fatally injured last evening by being run over by one of John Sexton's grocery wagons at Michigan and North State streets. He was crossing the street when he was knocked down. The driver whipped his horse into a run and escaped. At St Luke's hospital it was found Harvey's skull is fractured. He is about 26 years old.

TEMPORARY LOCATION.

Linn & Scruggs to Move Again—Will Put Up a Building.

The Linn & Scruggs management will be located temporarily at the corner of Franklin and William streets within thirty or forty days. The company has secured a lease on the vacant lot, corner Franklin and William streets, which is just north of the Woman's club house, and will put up a two story structure on the lot. The building will be 67x88 feet in size, and will be fitted up in good style for a dry goods house.

Possibly there will be a frontage on Central Park. There will be entrances on the Franklin and State street sides.

Work on the temporary structure will begin at once.

The firm will occupy the building until Powers' new block is completed, when they will make their last move.

JAIL BREAK ATTEMPT

Dynamite Used at the Springfield Prison.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 13.—Four of the prisoners in the Sangamon county jail made an attempt to escape to-night by blowing a hole through one of the walls with dynamite. They sawed off an iron railing on the top landing, pulled the railing out and placed the charge in the cavity. A great hole was torn in the wall by the explosion, but it failed to make the opening through the wall, and none of the prisoners were able to escape. The principals in the affair were James Connoas and John Rogers, who are awaiting trial for robbing the post offices at Riggston and Lockport; George B. McClellan, a pickpocket, and John O. O'Connell, arrested for burglary and larceny. They say the dynamite was given them by a tramp.

Xmas Candies at Brodess & Co.'s.

New Modern Woodmen Camp.

Members of Olive Branch Camp, No. 118, Royal Neighbors, gave Decatur Camp, No. 144, Modern Woodmen, a surprise last night. Just after the Woodmen had completed their business meeting the ladies appeared with a splendid supper which was served to the Woodmen. The Olive Branch camp is a new one, but it is already a strong society, as it has sixty members now and the officers expect to have 100 before the charter is closed. The society was organized on December 5. It is an auxiliary society to the Woodmen, and the women who join it are entitled to take life insurance at the same rate that is given to the Woodmen. The next meeting of the society will be held Wednesday evening in the hall at the corner of North Main and West William streets. Several new candidates will be initiated.

The officers elected by the Woodmen last night were as follows:

V. C.—Budd Florey.
V. A.—Charles Price.
Clerk—G. P. Lewis.
Banker—O. N. Bramble.
Escort—Wilbur Davis.
Sentry—James Gerard.
Watchman—J. M. Stewart.

A. Leach was elected manager for a term of three years. Dr. A. L. Collins and Dr. Bukenbrod were chosen physicians for the camp.

Sales of Real Estate.

W. R. Wheeler to James C. Peck, trustee, lots 4 and 10, in block A, village of Oakley—$550.

Adam C. Hawk to Mary Hignight, 10 acres in the north end of the south part of lot 1, in the east half of the southeast quarter of 26, 16, 1 west—$200.

Fred Nientker to Christian Schwab, lots 27 and 28, in Nintker's second subdivision in the northeast quarter of 11, 15, 1 east—$110.

W. C. H. Ermentraut to Pearl E. Ebner, lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, in block 2, in Wood's sub-division of Gulick's addition to Decatur—$1,750.

Jonathan Grider to Hattie Parr, lots 11 and 12, block 2, Argenta—$350.

James J. Finn to J. L. Drake, master's deed to lot 7, block 1, Forstmeyer's addition—$1900.

Sold for $1,000.

The north half of lot 1, block 3, Durfee & King's addition, corner of North Union and Green streets, belonging to the estate of the late Jacob A. Price, was sold at administrator's sale to-day for $1,000 to Abel Ferre, subject to a mortgage of $600. Judge Nelson was the auctioneer.

DIED.

On Dec. 13, at 546 South Jackson street, Mrs. Elizabeth Musselman, aged 42 years.

The deceased leaves six children. Mrs. C. Moore, Mrs. L. Eley, Miss Ella Musselman, and William, Fred and Edward Musselman.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 12, at the home of the bride's mother, at Argenta, by Rev. Z. T. Hatfield, Bruce Shuey and Miss Blanche Coulter, both of Argenta.

Shell Oysters.

Blue Points, Rockaways and Shrewsberries, delivered on the half shell, OPENED. PEARL OYSTER & FISH Co. dec12-d3t

THE LAST CHAPTER.

Bart & Co. Settle with a Discharged Salesman.

A little business affair was arranged this morning which for a time threatened a sensation and close quarters for several parties concerned. It will be remembered that several months since a firm styling itself Dunn & Co. leased a store room on South Water street and opened a stock of clothing, gents' furnishing goods and general notions. For a time the new firm seemed to prosper, and the neighbors were somewhat surprised when one fine day the store was closed on a chattel mortgage which had been given to Bart & Co., also of Chicago. The next step in the program was an auction sale which has been running at full blast until the last few days.

When Dunn & Co. opened business the firm made a contract with E. Schonniker to serve as a salesman for two years. When Bart & Co. took possession that gentleman was retained. A few days ago he was discharged, and not taking kindly to that sort of treatment, sued the firm for damages under his contract. The case was placed in the hands of W. H. Black, and he at once took steps to straighten out the snarl. In the meantime a new actor appeared on the scene in the shape of Charles Munn, of Springfield, who claimed to have purchased the stock remaining unsold. Mr. Black managed to secure the attendance of the parties interested at his office, and gave them the alternative of paying the clerk's claim, or standing trial on a charge of fraudulent dealing. After looking over the matter and listening to some very plain talk, the owners of the stock compromised with Mr. Schonniker and the matter was dropped. It is understood that Mr. Munn will ship the stock he has purchased to Springfield.

PARLOR MEAT MARKET.

O. H. Fullinwider's Popular and Stylish Place.

It is scarcely necessary to call attention to the new Parlor Meat Market, west side of Lincoln Square, which has lately been fitted up in metropolitan style by the energetic proprietor, O. H. Fullinwider. It is one of the most popular markets in this city, and is clean and neat through and through. It is finished in white, has linoleum on the floor, a cash office, and polite attendants are behind the blocks ready at all times to serve the people with the very best of meats to be had anywhere in the the city. Mr. Fullinwider handles only dressed meats. He has no slaughter house. He buys his meats dressed because he can always get the best, and has no bad meats to dispose of. All is always good, of uniform quality. He will carry the very best of meats of all kinds, and is in a situation to fill all orders for game in quantities to suit. Nothing poor will ever be found at the Parlor market. Everything fresh and first-class.

Prompt delivery to any part of the city. The market is conducted strictly on a cash basis. Mr. Fullinwider asks a share of the patronage of his old friends, and invites everybody to give him a trial.

Xmas Candies at Brodess & Co.'s.

Bread. Bread.

For sale at all grocery stores that handle bread. None genuine unless it has the blue label on it. Stamped the Decatur Cracker Co. Our bread is a solid home made loaf, weighing full sixteen ounces after it is baked, not as most bakers' bread, puffed up full of wind, weighing only thirteen or fourteen ounces. All we ask is a trial to convince any one that we make the finest and best bread in the city. Ask your grocer for the bread with the blue label on it. We make the following kinds of bread:

Quaker Malt Extract, three loaves, 10c; six loaves, 20c; eight loaves, 25c.

Home made or square, three loaves, 10c; six loaves, 20c; eight loaves, 25c.

Snow Flake, three loaves, 10c; six loaves, 20c; eight loaves, 25c.

Vienna, three loaves, 10c; six loaves, 20c; eight loaves, 25c.

Irish, three loaves, 10c; six loaves, 20c; eight loaves, 25c.

Graham and Rye, three loaves, 10c; six loaves 20c; eight loaves, 25c.

THE DECATUR CRACKER Co. 14-d6

Murder Trial at Cobden Stops.

ANNA, ILL., Dec. 13.—The preliminary trial at Cobden of Calvin Rains, charged with the murder of old man Coulter, his employer, came to an abrupt end this morning. A number of witnesses had been examined, but their testimony, though damaging to the defendant, was purely circumstantial. The lawyers on both sides reached an agreement to close the examination without further testimony and without argument. Justice Stausberry considered the evidence sufficient to hold Rains, and he was committed to jail without bail.

LADIES! Such lovely baking is done with the "Perfect" Baking Powder. 25c per pound, at Allsup's.

Buy one of those rockers at Bachman Bros. & Martin Co. dec11-d3

CANDY of all kinds from the cheapest to the better grades at Brodess & Co.'s. dec14-d6

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor. jan24-d&wtf

GAIL BORDEN EAGLE Brand

CONDENSED MILK.

Has No Equal

SOLD EVERYWHERE

LINN & SCRUGGS DRY GOODS & CARPET COMPANY.

FIRE SALE

WONDERFUL BARGAINS

FOR

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

The Special Lots to be Placed on Sale at Lower Prices than we ever offered before. We MUST SELL THEM.

Commencing Monday, Dec. 16 Our Store Will be open Evenings.

Fur Neck Boas,

Patent heads, black Martin, Opossum, worth $2.50, at 98c. Muffs to match boas at 98c.

75 Fur Capes,

Electric Seal and Astrachan, 30 inches long, $15.

12 Alaska Sable Capes,

30 inches long, sold before the fire for $75 and $80, for $40.

One Special lot Imported Jackets,

all our fine coats at $15.

One special lot of Jackets at $7.98.

" " " " 4.00.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's

ready made dresses, cheaper than you can buy material. Entire lot will be placed on sale Friday and Saturday. You can buy ladies' ready made dresses as low as $2.50 for entire dress.

Lace Curtains

and Portiers on sale cheap.

One Special Lot

of men's heavy ribbed underwear, pants and shirts for 75c.

One Special Lot

of men's Linen Collars, our regular 15c collar, all clean, ready to wear. We will sell but six to each customer, price 5c each.

Linen Cuffs

3 pair to one customer at 10c pair.

One Special Lot KID BODY Dolls,

bisque heads, worth 50c, at 25c.

We are selling all of our toys at ½ price.

Opening of our Ribbon Sale.

Just got all of our ribbons in stock. We are selling our best quality at cheap ribbon prices.

5 Special Tables

loaded down with Holiday Goods and Toys.

Table No. 1,............any article 5c.
Table No. 2,............any article 10c.
Table No. 3,............any article 15c.
Table No. 4,............any article 19c.
Table No. 5,............any article 25c.

Opening Display of KID BODY Dolls,

the largest collection ever shown, and prices ½ less than they were last year.

KID BODY DOLLS, BISQUE HEAD,	12 in.	high	25c
" " "	14	"	39c
" " "	15	"	49c
" " "	16	"	75c
" " "	18	"	98c

We have all the large sizes, some as tall as 28 inches.

Children's School Hats,

Tam O' Shanters, Caps, etc. Entire lot to be sold for 6c each.

Ladies' Sailor Hats at......49 cents
Untrimmed Hats at ......25 "
Trimmed Hats at ......69 "

We are clearing out our entire line of Hats. Don't wait—come at once.

Handkerchiefs....

500 doz. Ladies' printed border handkerchiefs 2 for 5c.
300 doz. Ladies' printed border handkerchiefs 3 for 10c.
200 doz. Ladies hemstitched initial hdkfs, silk letters 5c each.
300 doz. Men's hemstitched initial hdkfs 9c each.

Umbrellas....

One hundred and twenty-five 26-in. Gloria Umbrellas, worth $1.25 for 69c. Ninety-eight 26-in. Twilled Silk Serge, worth $1.75 for 98c.

Seventy-five 26 and 28-in. Union Silk, worth from $3 to $3.50 for $1.98.

Blankets....

One lot fine bed blankets 98c pair.

One lot fine wool bed blankets, white or sanitary, $2.98 pair.

Horse blankets and robes, special sale for Friday and Saturday.

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Standard Apron Ginghams 3 3-4c yard.
Dark Dress Ginghams 3 3-4c yard.
Fine Silkolines, beautiful styles, soiled, all at 2 1-2c yard.
Heavy Outing Flannels 4 1-2c yard.
All Wool Skirt Patterns 69c each.
Twenty Pieces fine Table Damask, extra qualities, your choice of the lot 39c yard.
Crochet Bed Spreads, heavy and extra size at 49c each.
One lot of Odd Towels at 5c each.

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M W STODDARD left ... Ramsey. His brother ... this morning at 4 30 o'cloc[k] ... will occur Sunday at 1 30

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Wheat — Open-ing. Hi[gh]
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May 60⅜
Corn—
December 26⅝
January 25⅞
May 28⅞
Oats—
December 17⅞
May 19⅞
Pork—
Jan 8 47½
May 8 82½
Lard—
May 5 50
Ribs—
May 4 ...

May wheat puts 59¾, ca[lls] ...

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Corn—25 Estimated ...
Oats—229 Estimated 1...

ESTIMATES FOR M...

Wheat 212 Corn 600, oats ...

Receipts were 381 cars whe[at] ... to-day and Duluth got 4... against a total of 445 a year a[go] ...

Hog receipts 16,000, estimate ... strong 5c higher. Light ... $3 40@$3 50 heavy $3 50@$3 ... $3 45

Cattle receipts 600 market ...

LONDON, 1 p. m. Off coast ... nothing doing. On passage ... doing, corn easy for America[n] ... bian

LIVERPOOL, 1 p. m. Wh[eat] ... thing down.

DECATUR STOCK M[ARKET]

The following are the ruli[ng] ... local dealers for stock

Cows and Heifers ...
Steers ...
Hogs ...
Calves ...
Sheep ...
Export Cattle ...

Xmas Candies at Bro[dess]

A Battle Scarred ...

Nearly every one in M... knows Stephen Rolph, o[f] ... one legged veteran, who ... Winchester, Va., March ... probability the exposure ... of army service, the effe[cts] ... felt as they grow older b[y] ... soldiers, were the cause ... nervous prostration and ... which Comrade Rolph ... says:

"People hereabouts kn[ow] ... well, but you can tell oth[ers] ... down for about six mont[hs] ... prostration and sleepless[ness] ... I tried various doctors ... but Dr Wheeler's Nerv[e] ... done me more good than ... ing I had done. The fir[st] ... me such great relief th[at] ... several and feel almost r[estored] ... former good health."

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ANDREW ROOP, of E... closed four acres for a p[ark] ... has stocked it with elk a[nd] ...

A MAN named Ozenton ... superintendent of the p[oor] ... gamon county.

JOHN FORNOFF, of Dil[...] ... mutilated and permane[ntly] ... a buzz saw.

J. W. MYERS, a studen[t] ... Wesleyan, has devel[oped] ... power.

PILES of people have ... Witt's Witch Hazel S[alve] ... them. When promptly ... scalds and burns wit[h] ... pain. West's drugstore.

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SALE

BARGAINS

ATURDAY

Placed on Sale at
r offered before. We

tore Will be open Evenings.

pening Display of KID BODY Dolls,

the largest collection ever shown, and prices ½ less than they were last year.

KID BODY DOLLS, BISQUE HEAD,	12	in. high			25c
" " "	14	"			39c
" " "	15	"			49c
" " "	16	"			75c
" " "	18	"			98c

We have all the large sizes, some as tall as 28 inches.

ildren's School Hats,

Tam O'Shanters, Caps, etc. Entire lot to be sold for 5c each.
Ladies' Sailor Hats at ------49 cents
Untrimmed Hats at ------25 "
Trimmed Hats at ------69 "

We are clearing out our entire line of Hats. Don't wait—come at once.

andkerchiefs ...

500 doz. Ladies' printed border handkerchiefs 2 for 5c.
300 doz. Ladies' printed border handkerchiefs 3 for 10c.
200 doz. Ladies hemstitched initial hdkfs, silk letters 5c each.
300 doz. Men's hemstitched initial hdkfs 9c each.

mbrellas....

One hundred and twenty-five 26-in. Gloria Umbrellas, worth $1.25 for 69c.
Ninety-eight 26-in. Twilled Silk Serge, worth $1.75 for 98c.
Seventy-five 26 and 28-in. Union Silk, worth from $3 to $3.50 for $1.98.

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BULK OLIVES

20c per quart,

At CLOYD'S,

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LOCAL NEWS.

Ten barbers at Norman's. 26-tf

MARTIN sells "Perfect" Baking Powder.

LOWNEY'S box and bulk candies always fresh at Whitley's.

WE make fresh candy every day. Brodess & Co. 14-d6t

SMOKE the old reliable K. & W. cigars. mar25-dtf

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Kalendar Kermiss. Kalendar Kermiss.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14, 1895.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. 2. Taylor saler in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis, for the following market quotations:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December	56¾	56¾	56⅛	56⅜
May	60¾	60¾	60	60
Corn—				
December	25¾			25¾
January	25½	25½	25⅝	25⅝
May	28½	28½	28¾	28¾
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Pork—				
Jan	8 47½	8 52½	8 47½	8 50
May	8 82½	8 90	8 82½	8 87½
Lard—				
May	5 50	5 52½	5 50	5 52½
Ribs—				
May	4 52½	4 50	4 52½	4 52½

May wheat: puts 69⅝; calls 60¾.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS

Wheat—193. Estimated, 190; Year ago, 72
Corn—525. Estimated, 500; a year ago, 85
Oats—223. Estimated, 193, a year ago, 104

ESTIMATES FOR MONDAY.

Wheat, 212. Corn, 600; oats, 243.

Receipts were 381 cars wheat at Minneapolis to-day, and Duluth got 434; a total of 924 against a total of 448 a year ago to-day.

Hog receipts 16,000; estimated, 19,000. Market strong, 5c higher. Light, $3.40@3.55; mixed, $3 40@3.55, heavy, $3 50@3 65, rough, $3.40@ $3.45.

Cattle receipts, 600; market steady.

LONDON, 1 p. m.—Off coast, wheat and corn nothing doing On passage wheat very little doing; corn easy for American, quiet for Danubian.

LIVERPOOL, 1 p. m.—Wheat weak; 1 farthing down.

DECATUR STOCK MARKET.

The following are the ruling prices paid by local dealers for stock:

Cows and Heifers	3.00@3.50
Steers	4.00@4.50
Hogs	3.25@3.40
Calves	3.50@4.00
Sheep	3.00
Export Cattle	4.50@4.80

Xmas Candies at Brodess & Co.'s.

A Battle Scarred Veteran.

Nearly every one in Medina Co., Ohio, knows Stephen Rolph, of River Styx, the one-legged veteran, who lost his leg at Winchester, Va., March 23rd, '62. In all probability the exposure and privations of army service, the effects of which are felt as they grow older by nearly all old soldiers, were the cause of the serious nervous prostration and sleeplessness of which Comrade Rolph complained. He says:

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PART of the new Burnham library building at Champaign will have to be torn down, the walls being out of plumb

ANDREW ROOF, of Elm Grove, has enclosed four acres for a private park and has stocked it with elk and deer.

A MAN named Ozenton has been made superintendent of the poor farm of Sangamon county.

JOHN FORNOFF, of Dillon, had a hand mutilated and permanently crippled by a buss saw.

J. W. MYERS, a student of the Illinois Wesleyan, has developed hypnotic power.

PILES of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures colds and burns without the slightest pain. West's drugstore.

PERSONAL MENTION.

S. W. Johns is in Chicago on business.

Bob Nicholson has returned from New York City.

O. H. Draper, of Macon, was in the city to-day.

F. M. Bourrell, of Olney, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Josephine Laux is in St. Louis visiting friends.

J. E. Johnson, of Mt. Pulaski, was in the city to-day.

F. W. Wismer is a salesman at the Geo. W. Scovill furniture house.

Mrs. S. E. Thomas very sick at her home No. 767 North Union street.

Chas. Munn, of Springfield, was in the city to-day looking after business matters.

Miss Alice Robinson returned to-day from a visit with relatives at Morrisonville.

Walter Wismer is now a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph company.

Edward McBride has gone to Mattoon where he has accepted a position in a drug store.

W. B. Lewis, of Evansville, is in the city the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis.

Frank Powers left to-day for New York City, where for the next couple months he will study music.

Miss Mamie Webb, who has been visiting at Columbus, Ohio, during the past three months, has returned home.

Mrs. Jane Sterrett, of Chicago, was in the city yesterday. She proposes to return to Decatur and take up her residence here.

Mrs. Jas. Winslow and Miss Mary Hall returned last evening to Warrensburg after a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ahrens.

James I. Ritchie, deputy United States marshal, was in Decatur yesterday. He had in town an unfortunate wright from Olney.

Conductor Charles Sieweil, James Sears and Arthur Robinson and their wives came home yesterday after a trip through the south with the conductors' excursion.

J. B. Metzger, of Cerro Gordo, has taken a position in Leonard's dry goods store. Mr. Metzger made a many acquaintances in the city during the late Dunkard camp-meeting.

Miss Ella Clarkson, who took part in the High school contest last evening, is an elocutionist of rare power. The young lady has taken several prizes in Demorest contests held in different sections of the state.

J. J. Miller, the gardner who lives north of the city on the Bloomington road, left last night for Goldsboro, Pa., in answer to a telegram announcing the death of his father, Christian Miller, which occurred yesterday morning.

Miss Marie Hunt, sister of Robert I. Hunt, who is attending a medical college in Chicago, has been compelled to leave college on account of ill health. Her mother is now in Chicago attending her. It is probable that she will seek a change of climate.

See those $3.00 rockers at Bachman Bros. & Martin Co. dec11-d3

PITH AND POINT.

—Health, beauty, vigor, riches, and all the other things called good, operate equally as evils to the vicious and unjust, as they do as benefits to the just.—Plato.

—Bookkeeper—"I see by the paper that our customer, Scudskins, is married." Fashionable Tailor—"Indeed! I shall be sorry to lose him."—Clothier and Furnisher.

—Van Jay—"Miss Meeks called me a fool. Do I look like a fool?" Millicent—"No, you do not. I don't think she judged you by your looks.—Brooklyn Eagle.

—Miss Planephace (exhibiting her photograph)—"Everybody says it does not do me justice." Miss Pert—"Evidently the artist is a man of taste."—Boston Transcript.

—The Bicycle.—She—"How long do you suppose the bicycle will remain so popular among the fashionable people?" He—"Until it becomes established as a useful vehicle."—Detroit Free Press.

—Horse Dealer—"You had better buy the horse, colonel. You will never find a healthier animal." Col. Jones—"I believe it. If he hadn't been healthy all his life he never would have lived so long."—Tammany Times.

—Edwards—"Brown's system reduces horse racing to an exact science." Richards—"Does it?" Edwards—"Yes. In order to tell how much money a man will lose it is only necessary to know how much he has."—Brooklyn Life.

—The Vocalizer.—Tyro—"Well, now that you have heard my voice, what do you think of it?" Teacher—"Wait, my dear sir, till I have had you bound over to keep the peace, and I shall be pleased to tell you."—Detroit Free Press.

—Blobbs—"What nonsense it is for the newspapers in their accounts of weddings to describe the bride being led to the altar." Slobbs—"How so?" Blobs—"Well, most girls could find their way there in the dark."—Philadelphia Record.

—"Of course," said the practical girl, "there is such a thing as love at sight." "I'm so glad to hear you say it," replied her romantic friend. "Yes, but I'd always advise giving it at least thirty days to settle, just the same."—Washington Star.

—"I have been almost a hermit," sighed the successful man. "Now that my fortune is made, and I have a little time of my own, I find it impossible to get the touch with the world." "You ought to get a bicycle," suggested his friend.—Indianapolis Journal.

—A lover's hope resembles the bean in the nursery table; let it once take root, and it will grow so rapidly that, in the course of a few hours, the giant imagination builds a castle on the top, and by and by comes disappointment, with the curtal ax, and hews down both the plant and the superstructure. —Scott.

—Men seem neither to understand their riches nor their strength; of the former, they believe greater things than they should; of the latter much less. Assistance and self-denial will [illegible] out of his own [illegible] bread, [illegible] to get his living, [illegible] expend the good things [illegible] his trust.—Bacon.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH—EPISCOPAL.
Rev. Frank N. Atkin rector. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Evening service and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Penhallegon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning. In the evening Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, one of the gentlemen who has been conducting the institute will speak. His subject will be "Opportunity." Strangers and all others not worshiping else where are cordially invited.

COLLEGE STREET CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 2 p. m., R. G. Wells, Supt.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL.
Corner of Macon street and Haworth avenue. Sunday school at 2 p. m., R. J. Simpson, Supt.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Rev. D. F. Howe pastor. Class meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching service at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by Rev. E. B. Randle, pastor of First church, Springfield. Morning theme "God's Jewels." Evening theme, "The Sun of Righteousness."

SARGEANT'S CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 2 p. m. Class meeting at 3:15 p. m.

CHURCH STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Sunday school every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in 1800 block North Church street. All persons in that neighborhood cordially invited.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Cor. N. Water and E. North streets. Rev. John D. Jordan, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor. Morning subject "Selfishness." Evening subject, "Peculiar People." Special musical and baptismal service. Y. P. U. C. E. Monday evening at 7:30.

East Park Boulevards Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Bible lesson service at 10:45 a. m. Subject, "Friendship of David and Jonathan." Wednesday evening study at 7:45. Front Rooms, second floor, Eeyiew Building.

Y. M. C. A.
Gospel service in the rooms in Columbia block at 4:00 p. m.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH.
At the Centenary U. B. church, corner of N. Broadway and Eldorado streets. W. Ea. Shuey, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30, Supt. Thomas Wells. Preaching at 10:45 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "God Created Man in His Own Image." Evening subject, "The First Sin." Endeavor meeting at 6:45 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo streets. J. Bernard, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme "Christian Valor." Evening theme "A Wise Choice." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST ENGLISH EV'NG. LUTHERAN.
Corner of N. Main and William streets. Rev. Frank C. Oberly, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. A special service will be held in the morning by Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., of Chicago, who will preach the sermon and install the newly elected minister in the office of pastor of this parish. Sermon again in the evening by Dr. Sadtler. A cordial invitation given friends and strangers to worship with the congregation.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHAPEL.
Corner Leafland Ave. and Charles St. Sunday school at 2 30 p. m

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Eldorado and North. Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Communion at 10:45, followed by a sermon on "Only Two Kinds of People." At 7:30 the pastor will deliver a picture sermon on "The Great Sin of Ingratitude."

Edmund Street Chapel School at 9 a. m.

Riverside Mission School at 2:30 p. m.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.
R. G. Hobbs, pastor. Services at 10 30 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Morning an address by Miss Blackburn, the deaconess. Evening a sermon to the Sons of Veterans.

Mission Sunday school, corner Herkimer street and Broadway, at 9 a. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Corner of Church and Eldorado streets. Rev W. C. Miller, pastor Sunday school at 9 30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

Mayflower Mission Sunday school, corner West Green and Dunham streets, at 2.30 p. m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH.
Hardin Smith, pastor. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m., Perry Orr, supt Morning theme "Purged and Found Out by Our Own Sins." Evening theme "The Agonies of Christ on the Cross"

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Services in W. C. T. U. hall. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10 45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "God Transplanting His Vine." Evening theme, "The state of the Unsaved." Y. P. S. C. E. service at 6 30 p. m.

GERMAN M. E. CHURCH.
Corner of North Jackson and East North streets. J. C. Rapp, pastor. Class meeting at 9 15 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Wise Choice." Evening, "The Story of Christ." Epworth League meeting at 7.00 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

SOUTH BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Rev. M. C. Elzy, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. subject, "Heaven Promised on Condition." Evening services at 7:45; subject, "The Good Shepherd." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

SHOT BY HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

For Defending His Wife's Sister from a Drunkard's Abuse.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—Sam Dubois, who was last fall an alderman of this city, was shot and fatally injured last evening by his brother-in-law, George Hoover. Hoover had been abusing a sister of Mrs. Dubois for several days, and there had been frequent quarrels on the subject. Yesterday afternoon when Dubois came home he found the sister in tears as the result of the insults of Hoover, who had been drinking heavily. Dubois then threw Hoover out of the house. Last evening Hoover suddenly appeared in a shop where Dubois was standing and fired two shots. Both took effect and the physicians say that Dubois will die. Hoover was arrested.

LOOTED A CHURCH.

Minister Terrell Praises the Action of Troops at Aintab.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The representative of the United Press in Constantinople, telegraphing under yesterday's date, says that a number of Turks on Wednesday night, broke into an Armenian church at Hassar, near Robert College, and stole all the silver sets and ornaments.

The dispatch adds that Hon. A. W. Terrell, American minister, will make a report in which he will highly praise the battalion of troops which protected the missionaries and their property at Aintab.

Mr. Terrell recently sent a note to the porte commending the Caimakam of Aintab for his heroic and humane conduct during the disorders there.

2 Freight Conductor and a Brakeman Killed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—Fred Hayes, a deckhand on the Pittsburgh & Wheeling packet H. K. Bedford, which left the Pittsburgh wharf yesterday, slipped from the icy deck and fell into the Ohio river at Glass House riffle and was drowned. Hayes resided in Wheeling.

Yesterday two employes of the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railway were instantly killed in the south side yards of the road, and in a manner remarkably similar.

Early yesterday morning Charles M. Shields, conductor on a freight train, jumped off the train to go into the station at Ormsby. He was struck by an engine and died a few minutes later. Several hours later Patrick Flinn, a brakeman, was instantly killed at almost the same spot and in the same manner as was Conductor Shields.

F. E. STAEKEY, proprietor of a sample room at Pekin, has been offered $16,000 for a mining claim in Washington Territory.

MR. AND MRS. ENOCH RENYON, of Tazewell county, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary to-day.

MRS. ELIZABETH PARKAR, of Bonfville, an old resident, died, aged 87.

NOVEL FOOD FOR ALLIGATORS.

Some of the Florida Saurians Have a Liking for Pitch Pine Knots.

Steve Melton now has his alligator farm on the Wekiva river well stocked with saurians. Yesterday a large lighter load of pine knots was brought in from Trout creek and tied up to Melton's wharf. When asked what he was going to do with the lightwood knots, reports the Florida Times-Union, Mr. Melton said:

"Feed them to my alligators, of course. What do you think I am going to do with them? Don't you know that alligators always eat lightwood knots before going into winter quarters? That is the first of six lighter loads of the knots I have bought, and I am going to have them taken to my alligator farm. Did you ever see a 'gator swallow a lightwood knot? The knots are not thrown into the water. They are scattered over a five-acre lot just as though they fell from the trees. After having their appetites whetted by canines and catfish, the 'gators crawl out on the banks and begin their feast. Each 'gator stretches out full length on the ground. He looks around and calculates the distance to the nearest knot. With a quick movement of his tail the knot is knocked into the air and is deftly caught in the open jaws. One gulp and the knot disappears. Oh, it is fun to watch them. They are expert and seldom miss a knot. This is repeated until every knot is disposed of. Then they crawl back into the water and are seen no more until next spring."

MARRIES A CONVICT.

Girl Gets a License and Weds Him Before He Goes to Prison.

About a year ago J. J. Smith was arrested at Charleston, W. Va., for forging a check. A party of young ladies visited the jail, among them being Miss Mary Davis, of Montgomery. She was introduced to Smith and it proved a case of love at first sight. The couple became engaged November 13. Smith was convicted of the crime and is now awaiting sentence. The other day Miss Davis procured a marriage license and the next day the couple were married in jail. Smith will get a sentence of from two to five years in the penitentiary and Miss Davis says she will go to Moundsville, where the penitentiary is located, and there support herself until her husband is released.

BORN IN TOWER OF LONDON.

Only Female to Enjoy This Distinction Dies in Virginia, Ill.

Mrs. John Heaton, historical personage of the old world, and a highly respected and early settler of the section of Illinois around Virginia, died the other morning, aged 76 years. Her maiden name was Mary J. Fullerton, and she was born in the tower of London, England, February 29, 1820, when her father, Maj. James Fullerton, was in command of the tower. All visitors to this famous prison of the world were shown the room and especial attention was called to the fact by the guides that Mary J. Fullerton Heaton was the only female ever born in the tower. She leaves a husband, Capt. John Heaton, aged 85, and nine children.

A BRIDE'S BEAUTIFUL PRIZE.

In Addition to a Husband She Secures Twenty-Eight Stepchildren.

The other morning at ten o'clock a marriage license was issued at Geneva, Ill., to John J. Russ, aged 69, of Aurora, and Mrs. Laura J. Smith, aged 46, of Bristol. At noon the two were married at Aurora by Judge Frederick Brown, and immediately left on a bridal tour. The groom is already the father of 20 children, 28 of whom are still living. The grandchildren number 16. The present Mrs. Russ is wife number three. Mr. Russ is still hale, hearty and sprightly, and declares that it is no more trouble to care for a large family than a small one. A family reunion will be held on the return home of the bridal couple.

KANSAS' SINGULAR LAW.

Provides for Capital Punishment But No One Has Ever Been Hanged Under It.

Kansas has a law on its statute books relating to capital punishment. Under its provisions a defendant convicted of murder is sentenced to death, but the sentence cannot be executed until the prisoner has served one year in the penitentiary and the governor given his official consent by signing a death warrant. The law has been on the statute books ever since the admission of the territory to statehood, and, although some of the most heinous crimes ever committed have disgraced the state, no governor has been willing to sign a death warrant.

Steamships Steered by a Finger.

Marvelous progress has been made in marine architecture and equipment within the past few years. There was a time when the wheelhouse of a big ocean steamer contained eight stalwart men, who, in rough weather, would find it almost a herculean task to manage the wheel. Nowadays the light touch of an infant's hand upon the wheel is of sufficient power to turn a vessel completely round. Huge boats are now steered by a steam apparatus, which is as quick and effective as the touch upon an ordinary electric button.

Fined for Betting on Cricket.

At Sheffield, England, recently two men were fined $75 each, or two months' imprisonment, for betting at Hallam cricket club sports.

Bull Fights Cause Disturbances.

The suppression of bull fighting in the south of France has resulted in serious disturbances in several towns.

Like a Summer Resort.

In Providence, R. I., with a population of 145,572, women outnumber the men by 5,000.

America Excels in Electricity.

Hans Zepke says America is far ahead of any other country in the use of electricity.

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PALACE

Cash Grocery, Dry Goods and Shoe House.

One by one we are adding regular customers to our store. Many come because it pays them, because the service is quick and accurate, because our grocery values are better than others, because the quality of our goods is unsurpassed, and they are not a cent dearer than they ought to be. Let us have a trial order and then you'll come regularly.

30c per Bushel.

Five cars northern potatoes, Rose, Burbank, White Star and Beauty Hebrus. All go next week at 30c per bushel. Fine, large and mealy.

90c for 50 pounds best Minnesota flour.

75c for 50 pounds of good Baking Flour.

25c for 8 pounds hand-picked Navy Beans.

25c for 6 pounds of New Lima or Butter Beans.

25c for 6 pounds of Three Crown Raisins.

25c for 3 packages of New Rolled Oats.

25c for 8 bars Lenox Soap.

15c per pound for White Clover Honey.

60c for 2-gallon bucket White Drip Syrup.

$1.75 for 5-gallon keg New Sorghum.

38c for one gallon New Sorghum.

20c per gallon new Sauerkraut.

16c per can for Eagle Canned Milk.

14c for a can Hiland Vap. Cream.

10c for 2-pound package Buckwheat.

10c per pound for German Egg Noodles.

10c per pound for German Egg Vermicella.

35c for 15-pound bucket all kinds of Jelly.

5c for all sizes of Lamp Flues.

50c for five gallons of Coal Oil.

60c for five gallons of Gasoline.

40c per bushel for large Red Onions.

25c for 3-pound bucket Cottoline.

45c for 5 pound bucket Cottoline.

80c for 10 pound bucket Cottoline.

7c per can for good Corn.

8c per can for best Tomatoes.

20c per dozen for fresh Eggs.

10c per quart for Sound Cranberries.

15c per dozen for good Lemons.

10c per package Preston's California Breakfast Food.

10c per package Preston's Pancake Flour.

25c for 5 pound best Cleaned Currants

25c for 2 cans of best Peas.

25c for 2 cans of good Peas.

1c per sack Peanuts.

25c for 4 packages New Mince Meat.

25c for 2 pounds of home-made Mince Meat.

25c for 3 pounds of good Mince Meat, such as others sell for 12½c per pound

20c per pound for good Country Butter

15c per pound for best Butterine.

10c per package shell Popcorn.

10c per pound new Walnuts.

10c per package Elastic Starch.

15c per package Cox's Jeletine.

25c for 3 pounds of pure Lard.

It is the duty of every housekeeper to get full value for every cent spent for necessaries of life. The Palace is the place to get best values. A trial will convince you—

The baker and the actor
Have art within their souls,
They both remain a factor
In just creating rolls.

ROLLS AND BUNS.

Three hundred and fifty dozen Rolls and Buns flew away from us yesterday before two-thirds of the askers were served. Maybe this was because the price was 5 cents per dozen; maybe because no bakers on earth can produce a finer, lighter, whiter, larger article for five times the money. For Monday's trade we'll bake 600 dozen, and expect to part with them before store closing. Keep the price in mind—5 cents per dozen!

16 ounce Loaf Bread, 50 loaves	$1.00
Best Oyster Crackers, box or barrel,	3½c
Best Butter Cracker, box or barrel,	3½c
Best Soda Cracker, box or barrel	3½c

Once tried no others used.

You can't miss this sale—200 boxes and barrels of crackers sold in one week. Boxes contain about 16 pounds, just what one family needs. Cost about 50 to 60c per box.

Order by telephone, we guarantee all crackers to please or no sale.

Bakery goods only delivered with grocery or dry goods orders.

$3.98 | THREE DAYS | $3.98

KNOCK 'EM OUT CLOAK SALE.....

Commencing Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

75 Ladies' and Misses' fine black and navy Beaver Jackets, long and short, all sizes, 30 to 42, same as we are selling for $5.00 to $10.00. All go during the three days' sale at $3.98.

$1.98 Per Pair.....$1.98 Per Pair.

Blanket Sale for Three Days !

We offer 50 pairs of fine All Wool Blankets, in White, Light and Dark Grey, beautiful borders; the best blanket ever sold for $3.00. You can buy as many as you wish for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for $1.98.

TOYS BY THE CAR LOAD will be on sale this week. Everybody is invited to visit our second floor department. We will offer values never heard of before.

A. F. GEBHART & SON,

Telephone 113. - 1101—1107 North Water St.

SENATOR SHERMAN

Announced as a Candidate for Nomination by the

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

A Report that is Calculated to Give the McKinleyites Cold Chills Up and Down the Spine—As a Dark Horse.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A special from Washington says the announcement by one of Senator Sherman's friends that his name would be presented to the next national republican convention has sent cold chills passing one another up and down the spines of the McKinleyites in this town. They had concluded they had everything their own way in Ohio. They still maintain that their hopes are strong as ever, not only of the support of the Ohio delegation, but likewise of a sufficient number of delegates from the rest of the country to make up a majority in the convention.

But just now, according to some of Senator Sherman's friends, the McKinleyites are anything but so confident as they were. They do not hint that Senator Sherman will betray McKinley, or do anything which the actions of Ohio delegations in the past have prepared the country to expect in the future. But it is their theory that unless McKinley or somebody else is named on the first ballot, and if anything like a large number of ballots are taken, Senator Sherman's name will be sprung, and it will come pretty near killing McKinley's chances, even if it does not secure the Senator's nomination. It is but fair to the senator, however, to say that the general belief here is that he is sincere in his expressions of loyalty to McKinley.

"This talk about Platt and Quay delivering the New York and Pennsylvania solid delegations at the next republican national convention is based on a misunderstanding of the situation," said Senator Hill yesterday. He continued:

"That might have been done but for the adoption of the rule providing for the election of delegates to the national convention by congressional districts instead of by the state convention. Were all delegates, for instance, in the New York republican delegation, elected at the last state convention it might have been possible for Platt to secure entire control by having the unit rule adopted.

As it is, only four delegates-at-large are elected, and those four are the only ones affected by the unit rule adopted by the convention. One-third of the congressional districts in New York are opposed to Platt, and it is therefore but natural to suppose that he will not be able to control that one-third in the national republican convention. More than one-third of the congressional districts are opposed to Quay in Pennsylvania, and they will not be lead by him; so you see the error in saying that Platt and Quay will vote the entire New York and Pennsylvania delegations in the convention as they see fit.

THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS.

Her Trial Trip Results in an Entirely Satisfactory Performance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The trial yesterday of the government-built battleship Texas, whose several misfortunes have given rise to many conflicting opinions as to her capabilities, resulted in an entirely satisfactory performance, according to Capt. Henry Glass, her commander. In a report written last night at Tompkinsville, S. I., and received at the navy department to-day, Capt. Glass says:

'With moderate wind and sea on bow or quarter, she is very steady, and a speed of 16 to 17.4 knots was obtained with engine revolutions from 115 to 124. At these speeds the absence of excessive vibrations in any portion of the hull is very marked. The ship "handles" with perfect ease and speed and possesses, I think, great maneuvering power."

The engines of the Texas were run at full speed for four hours, excepting several times when it was necessary to slow down or stop them for a few minutes because the journals became overheated. The trial was finally discontinued on account of this, and Capt. Glass says that certain journals of the main engines will have to be overhauled and put in thorough order. He recommends that as the Texas has had two days of sea trials no further preliminary trial be directed until the board of engineers has been appointed to conduct the official trial, as in his opinion when the working journals have been completed nothing further can be done to put the engines, as now arranged, in condition for service.

THE NEW CRUISER MAINE

Practically Ready for any Service to Which She May be Assigned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The armored cruiser Maine is practically ready for any service to which she may be assigned. A telegram to the navy department, dated Newport, R. I., yesterday, from Capt. George Dewey, president of the naval board of inspection, says the Maine is nearly ready for sea, and it will not be necessary to send her to any navy yard for repairs or anything of that nature. Bad weather has prevented her from leaving Newport.

Capt. Dewey says that the board have completed the inspection of the vessel, including a successful speed trial, except obtaining her tactical diameter, firing the turret guns and testing her hydraulic machinery. If the weather does not has been made the Maine will be ordered to coal and join Admiral Bunce's squadron of evolution at Hampton Roads without delay. The squadron is scheduled to sail December 21.

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DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Failures—Prices Mostly Receding—The Government's Crop Reports—Shoe Manufacture, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—R. G. Dun & Co. say in their weekly review of trade issued to-day:

Failures for the first week of December show liabilities of $3,104,831, against $4,036,866 last year and $4,761,409 in 1893. In manufacturing $1,157,760, against $1,427,415 last year, and in trading $1,892,821 against $2,401,451 last year.

Failures for the week have been 338 in the United States, against 349 last year, and 54 in Canada against 40 last year.

It has been a very quiet week without any disturbance. Prices of manufactured products slowly recede from the high-water mark of speculation, and no material increase in demand is now expected until after the holidays.

Speculation in products is not very brisk, and in stocks decidedly inactive. The outgo of gold does not expand and the outward movement of products is a shade larger. Clearings are 10.4 per cent. more than last year.

The government crop report caused scarcely a ripple of interest, though indicating less than 6,400,000 bales of cotton, and a larger acreage than had been expected of winter wheat. Heavy orders by the Rockefeller interests for plates and other material to build vessels for transportation of Mesba ore next year have strengthened the market somewhat, but the demand at the east is very light, and most of the works have shortened force considerably.

The shoe manufacture is getting rather more new business, mainly in cheaper goods, by a reduction in prices, which has averaged nearly four per cent. since the last week of November. The demand for leather is a little better, with prices averaging two per cent. lower for the week, though unchanged as to hemlock sole.

Wool has not advanced with London sales, as was expected. The slow market for goods hinders dealings. Business in cotton has not gained, and print cloths are lower at 3¼ cents, while a few more reductions are noted in prices of other goods. The manufacture has had a highly profitable season, though dull now.

Railroad earnings in November, on roads having over half the business of the country, show increase of 6.9 per cent. over last year.

AN INCENDIARY FIRE

Destroys Thirty-One Buildings in Titusville, Fla.—Arrested on Suspicion.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 14.—The town of Titusville, in Brevard county, was nearly wiped out by fire about one o'clock yesterday morning. The fire originated in Hamburgs store in the business center of the town, and before it was gotten under control thirty-one buildings were destroyed. All efforts to control the fire were in vain until dynamite was used to blow up buildings. During the progress of the fire a Mr O'Brien entered a burning building to secure $18 which he had left in his room. He got the money, but was so badly burned that he died in a short while. The total loss is estimated at $100,000, partially covered by insurance.

The opinion is general that the fire was incendiary, and Messrs. Hamburg & Garner, merchants, have been arrested on suspicion and are now in jail. The fire originated in Hamburg's store, and the circumstantial evidence against the men is said to be strong. Many threats have been made against them, and lynching was feared last night. To prevent this, many special officers were sworn in and the jail thoroughly guarded.

THE PRESIDENT LOST.

Cut Off from the Outside World by the Severest Storm of the Season.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 13.—President Cleveland and his party have succeeded to-day in thoroughly losing themselves to the outside world, for no one knows where he is at present. The Violet was to have left Hatteras today, but whether she did so or not is not known, for a gale has been raging over the North Carolina sounds, and the wires between Kitty Hawk and Hatteras are down. At Kitty Hawk the wind blew at a rate of 68 miles an hour and probably much heavier at Hatteras.

No vessels have arrived from North Carolina waters and it is the opinion of sailing masters, that the Violet could not have made the run up Pimlico sound under the heavy winds prevailing.

Another obstacle prevents the president's return. The water in the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, through which the Violet must pass on her way to Norfolk, now measures only 5½ feet, the lowest ever known in that connecting link between Virginia and North Carolina. It is probable that the presidential party will have to go to Elizabeth City, N. C., and come to Norfolk by rail.

The storm around Hatteras is the worst so far this season.

OFFICE-SEEKERS AT FRANKFORT.

Gov. Bradley Forced to Issue a Bulletin to Restrain Them.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 14.—Gov. Bradley was yesterday morning forced to issue a bulletin to hold back office-seekers who are monopolizing his time. The bulletin announced that the governor had selected his private secretary without naming him. It also stated that no appointments which have to be confirmed by the senate will be made until that body meets in January. The governor does this so that applicants will give him a chance to write his message.

The Ketcham Blackmailing Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The case of F. B. Ketcham against the Chicago & Northwestern railroad for alleged blackmailing, went to the jury last night. The jury will return a sealed verdict. Ketcham was discharged by the road and asks $50,000.

Bronchitis.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup *absolutely* cures Bronchitis and all other diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It gives instant relief and will cure the worst cough. It is a guaranteed remedy. Sold by J. W. Eichinger and C. F. Shilling.

A CONGREGATIONAL church with forty-four members has been established at Havana.

NO EXCUSE for sleepless nights when you can procure One Minute Cough Cure. This will relieve all annoyances, cure the most severe cough and give you rest and health. Can you afford to do without it? West's druggists.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Meeting of the Reform League at Washington Yesterday.

ALL THE OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Extension of the Classified Service—The Passage of the Lodge and Morgan Bills to be Urged—Papers Read.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Civil Service Reform league yesterday re-elected all its present officers and approved the budget of the finance committee for the expenditure of $4,500 during the ensuing year. The report of the special committee on extensions, of which Charles J. Bonaparte is chairman, showed a great number of additions to the classified service by order of President Cleveland. The committee discussed at considerable length the executive order concerning the consular service. The committee agree with Secretary Olney's letter to the president on this subject, in which he says that the order should be considered as "in no sense final or exhaustive," but rather as a mere step in the right direction.

But the committee is of the opinion that a mere executive order of this kind which could be ignored by a succeeding administration requires legislative enactment, and the friends of civil service reform are urged to press the passage of the Lodge and Morgan bills providing for consular and diplomatic service reforms.

Oscar B. Straus, ex-minister to Turkey, made a verbal report on consul reform not differing materially in its conclusions from that of the extension committee.

The report of the committee on resolutions provoked discussion and it was postponed until the afternoon session.

A luncheon in their honor was tendered by United States Civil Service Commissioner Wm. G. Rice.

At the afternoon session papers were read by Herman Justi, of Nashville, Tenn., on the "State of Civil Service Reform Sentiment in the South;" C. J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, Md., on "The Reign and Overthrow of an Office-Holding Oligarchy;" Herbert Welch, of Philadelphia, on "The Interest of the Workingman in Civil Service Reform," and E. M. Gallaudet, on "Columbian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb."

HOPE FOR ARMENIANS.

The Red Cross Will Undertake the Duty of Relieving the Starving.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The following official announcement was issued from the national headquarters of the Red Cross yesterday:

"Owing to the unanimous and urgent appeals from the friends of humanity, representing nearly all of the people of this country, the American National Red Cross has decided that it must accept the sacred trust of endeavoring to relieve the starving Armenians in Asia Minor. According to conservative estimates there are 350,000 utterly destitute people in that country, who will have to be assisted for six or eight months—until the next harvest.

"Fully realizing the difficulties and dangers to be met, the Red Cross will start for Turkey as soon as sufficient funds are placed at its disposal or guaranteed to insure success.

"Funds may be sent to Miss Clara Barton, president and treasurer of the American National Red Cross, Washington.

"Authorized agents to receive funds and materials will be published in a few days.

"The Red Cross also suggests that goods, grain and other material may be sent by chartered steamer.

"American National Red Cross,
"CLARA BARTON, President."

A CALL ISSUED

For the Meeting of the Democratic National Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 14.—Chairman W. F. Harrity has issued a call for a meeting of the democratic national committee to be held at the Arlington hotel, Washington, on Thursday, January 16, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of fixing the time and place for the meeting of the democratic national convention of 1896 and for the transaction of other business.

The resolution offered by Gen. P. A. Collins, of Massachusetts, in the democratic convention of 1892, requesting the democratic national committee to provide accommodations only for the delegates, the alternates, the members of the democratic national committee and the members of the press, will be acted upon. The resolution is now in the hands of a subcommittee of the national committee composed of William F Harriety, of Pennsylvania, who is chairman of the committee, Bradley B. Smith, of Vermont; Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland; Ben T. Cable, of Illinois, and Edward C. Wall, of Wisconsin.

SECRETARY CARLISLE'S REPORT

Will Probably be Forthcoming on Monday Next.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Unless there is other unforeseen delay Secretary Carlisle's report will be presented to congress on Monday next. That is, if the president should return in time to hold a consultation over it, before congress meets on Monday.

The dispatch which Private Secretary Thurber sent to Norfolk, Va., two days ago stating that it was the desire of the members of the cabinet that a special meeting should be held not later than Monday next, is understood to have met with a response indicating that the president will be back in Washington on or before that day. It would surprise no well-informed official if the presentation of the report was delayed till Tuesday next.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed in the Spring, when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. Only 50 cents per bottle at King & Metz's drug store.

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TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

—The Ish-Chapple murder trial at Omaha, Neb., is exciting great interest.

—Henry Villard called on Secretary Carlisle yesterday and was closeted with him for an hour or so.

—The rebel leaders, Gomez and Maceo, are advancing toward Siguanea, Cuba, pursued by six columns of Spanish troops.

—Representative Hopkins, of Illinois, had the honor yesterday of being the first chairman to preside over the committee of the whole.

—Intensely cold weather prevails throughout the Ottawa valley. Thirty degrees and lower was reached at many points yesterday.

—There are fears that the United States revenue cutter Woodbury has been disabled at sea, She has not been seen since the 3d instant.

—Oliver Hammond, his wife and three children were killed at a crossing on the Dayton & Union railway, seven miles from Greenville, O., yesterday.

—The Chinese officials resumed possession of Port Arthur on December 12, Gen. Sum, on behalf of China, taking over the station from the Japanese officers.

—The high court of Madrid has refused the demand for the prosecution of Senor Bosch, minister of public works, in connection with the municipal scandals.

—Judge Nugent, twice candidate for governor of Texas on the populist ticket, and very prominent in Texas pioneer history, is dying at his home in Fort Worth.

—Senor H. E. Martinez, of Caracas, Venezuela, is in London. It is understood that he was sent to Great Britain on a secret mission by President Crespo of Venezuela.

—James B. Wilson, editor of an Indianapolis, Ind., paper, has been sentenced to two years in the state's prison for sending obscene literature through the mails.

—Robert Barbee, of Montgomery county, Tenn., was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the criminal court for slaying Peter Andrews in cold blood last spring.

—The housesmiths of New York who have been out on strike for nearly four weeks against the firms of J. B. and J. M. Cornell and Milliken Bros., have agreed to go back to work.

—The coasting steamer Harrington ran down the fishing smack Ugan 20 miles off Whitby, England, yesterday. Ten of the Ugan's crew were drowned and one was saved by the Harrington.

—An unknown negro from Chicago, shot and instantly killed Barney Finnegan, a glass-blower and prize-fighter, at Phil Ryan's saloon in the glass district of Ottawa, Ill., Thursday evening.

—Thursday night the first squad of policemen mounted on bicycles in New York city went on duty. Hereafter four mounted patrolmen will be constantly patrolling Eighth avenue and the boulevard.

—A cablegram to the navy department yesterday reported the arrival at Gibraltar of the cruiser Minneapolis, under orders to proceed to Smyrna, Syria, in connection with the protection of American interests.

—Ten acres of land near the old Dunkard church, on the Antietam battle-field, in Maryland, have been purchased by the Philadelphia brigade, to be converted into a park, and a $100,000 monument will be erected upon the site.

—John Kirwin, one of the oldest employes of the Chicago & Alton railway was cut in two and killed by the wheels of a freight car in the repair yard at Bloomington, Ill. While repairing an air brake, the car was moved by a switch engine.

—Thos. Perkins received a death wound in his side and Adry Hunter was badly cut in the chest while fighting a duel in a highway near Nicholasville, Ky., Thursday night. The girl's name was Bessie Anderson, and she was engaged to both.

—H. C. Huntington, United States commercial agent at Castellamere di Stabia, Italy, says Italian oranges will be shipped to America in large quantities this season. This has been brought about by reports concerning the damaged state of the Florida groves.

—Pretty Catherine Baerman, of Chicago, was kidnaped from the Knickerbocker Episcopal school in Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday evening, by her mother, who had been divorced from the father and remarried. Baerman had kidnaped the child two months ago.

—In the United States court at Memphis, Tenn., Thursday, Lowry W. Humes, a prominent attorney and a member of one of the most distinguished families in the south, was convicted of withholding pension money from negro pensioners.

—A public agricultural conference was held in London yesterday at which many influential men were in attendance. Mr. James Lowther, M. P., presided, and stated that the object of the conference was the establishment of the system of protection.

—Senator Sherman is preparing an answer to the financial part of the president's annual message. He will not speak until after he has an opportunity of digesting the report of the secretary of the treasury, which has been unaccountably withheld from congress.

Over Half a Million Dollars in Land Involved.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—An extensive suit involving the ownership of a body of land in the central and business part of the city, worth over a half million dollars, is to be instituted by the Hanley heirs, who allege that John Hanley, who deeded the property to the Central Land Co. in 1871, was mentally unbalanced. The suit will attract widespread attention.

DAN SULLIVAN, who had been section foreman of the Alton west of Wenona for twenty years, with but five days layoff, has been succeeded by a new man.

THOMAS RADEBAUGH, an old settler, died at Ogden from typhoid fever on Friday. Typhoid is said to be very prevalent in that vicinity.

F. E. STARKEY, proprietor of a sample room at Pekin, has been offered $10,000 for a mining claim in Washington Territory.

MR. AND MRS. ENOCH RUNYON, of Tazewell county, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary to-day.

A Miracle in Missouri.

CRIPPLED AND BENT FOR TEN YEARS WITH RHEUMATISM.

The Case Happened in Panama, Mo., and is the Wonder of the State.

(From the Kansas City Times.)



For years one of the best known men in Bates and Vernon counties has been Mark M. Woodson, now postmaster at Panama, and brother of ex State inspector of Mines, C. C. Woodson, of this city. The people of Rich Hill, where he formerly resided, and of his present home, remember well the bent form, misshapen almost from the semblance of man, which has painfully bowed its head half to earth and labored snail-like across the walks season after season, and when one day last month it straightened to its full height, threw away the heavy butt of cane which for years had been its only support from total helplessness, and walked erect, firmly, unhesitatingly about the two cities, people looked and wondered. The story of the remarkable case has become the marvel of the two counties. Exactly as Mr. Woodson told it to a *Times* reporter, it is here published:

"In '84 the rheumatism started in my right knee, and after a lingering illness it settled generally in my joints. I was finally able to arise, but for the past 5 years could only walk with the aid of crutches, and my body was bent half toward the ground. I went to the best dispensary in Kansas City, where I was treated for six weeks, and without the slightest good. I then tried a strong galvanic battery, with the same result. I then went to the City Hospital at St. Louis, where the best physicians treated me—(including Drs. Kale and Mudd)—but without result, and I came home, weak, doubled with pain and despondent.

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To verify the story beyond all question of doubt Mr. Woodson made affidavit to the above.

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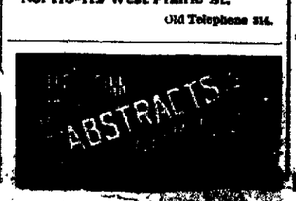
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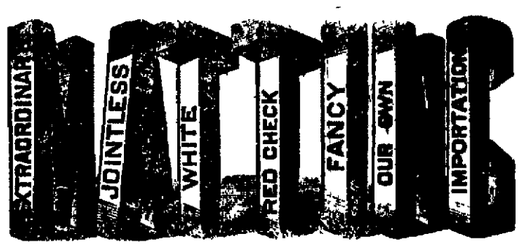
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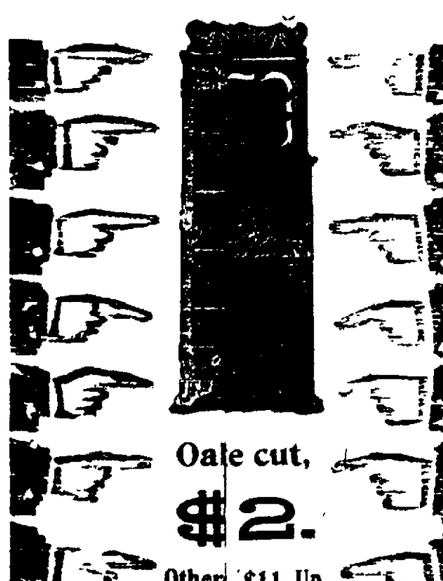
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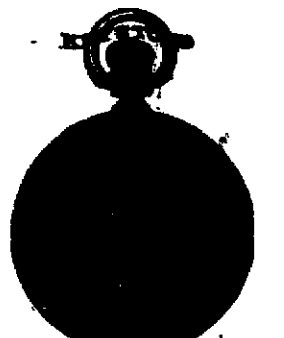
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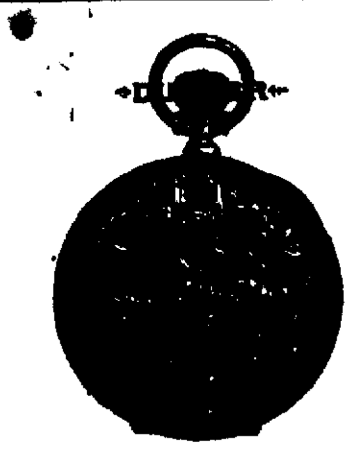
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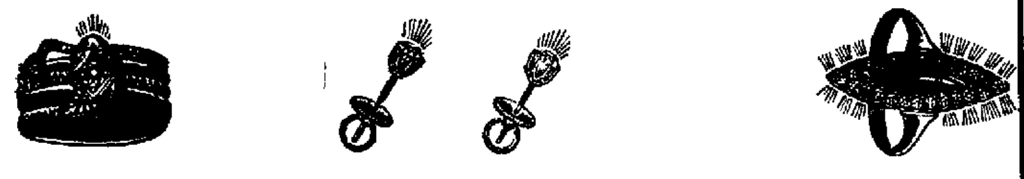
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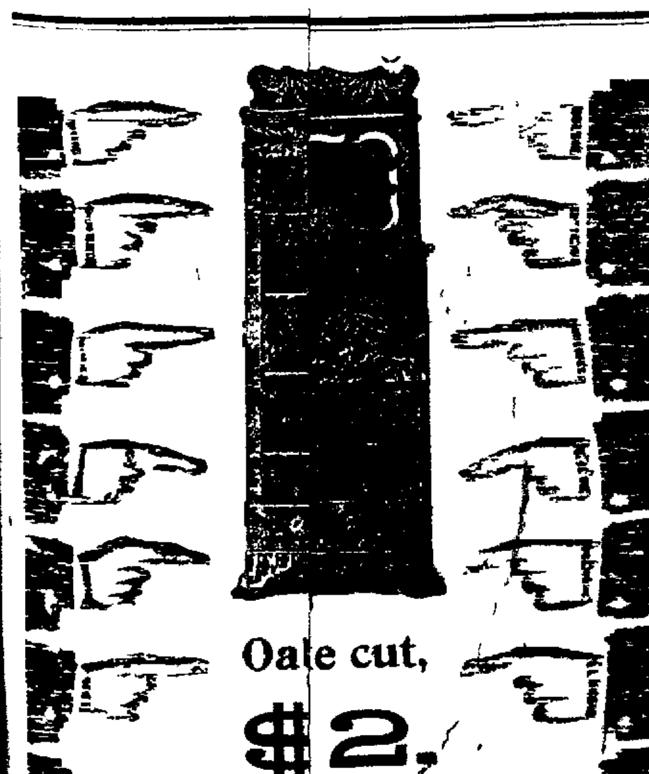
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THE THUMPING DID HIM GOOD.

His Wife Cured Him of His Bragging Propensity.

Just at dust I turned aside to a squatter's cabin to ask shelter for the night, and as the door stood wide open and there was a light on the table, I saw the two inmates before they knew of my presence. There were only two—man and wife—and she had him down on the floor, with both hands in his hair. As I knocked on the door-jamb she looked up and said:

"Howdy, stranger—cum right in."

I entered and sat down on a stool near the door, and the man turned his head toward me and said:

"Howdy, stranger—be at home."

"I wanted to stay over night," I said, "but being——"

"Yo' kin stay, sah," interrupted his wife.

"Fur shore, yo' kin," added the husband.

"May I ask if there is any trouble here?"

The wife got a fresh grip with her fingers and drew a long breath and didn't reply, but the husband said:

"No. sah—not now. Thar' was truble a spell back, but it's all over now."

"Then yo' acknowledge?" queried the wife.

"I do. I'm a wolloped man. I jest layed out that I could lick yo' in three jerks, but I was disappointed."

"And thar' won't be no mo' fussin'?"

"No mo' Let go and git up."

The woman arose and began to prepare supper, and the man went out to cut some firewood, and nothing further was said about the matter that night. Next morning, as he walked a mile or so with me, he casually observed:

"Stranger, a great burden has bin rolled off my back and I feel better."

"How is that?"

"Why, fur the last ten years I've bin braggin' that I could lick any three men in this county, an' last evenin' the ole woman thumped blazes outer me in five minits. I hain't got to do no mo' blowin' and braggin', and I'm feelin' as happy as a frog arter a thunder shower!"—Detroit Free Press.

The Young Pigeon.

The squab is a bird far more worthy the attention of gastronomic amateurs than it receives. There are two sorts, the dark and the white-meated. The first commands the higher price, although the flavor is more a question of the quality of the food given the parent birds than of the color of the flesh of their progeny. Discriminating amateurs will never purchase squabs except from dealers who are able to vouch positively for their source. Most of the birds sold in our markets come from city lofts. They are mainly nourished upon the refuse of the streets, where the parent pigeons may be seen feeding at all hours of the day. This imparts to the flesh of the young a peculiar rank flavor that no form of culinary treatment will completely eradicate. It is probably for this reason that squabs are not held in the esteem that they merit. A squab whose parents are fed exclusively upon good sound wheat, and which have access to an ample supply of pure, clean water, is a bird that for edible purposes cannot be surpassed in delicacy, not even by the famous papabotte of Louisiana. Such squabs must come from country lofts.—N. Y. Sun.

REV. JORDAN CHARLES, of Quincy, has accepted a call to the Mount Zion Baptist church, of Peoria.

A CAMPBELL, of Clinton, has sold his interest in the furniture business to ... W. C. Campbell.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—There are over 56,000 Christian Endeavorers in Massachusetts.

—It is said there are no religious periodicals published in Idaho.

—France is about to establish evening manual training in all schools for primary education.

—The largest place of worship in the world is the Coliseum, in Rome, which was consecrated as a church many years ago to prevent further desecration; it formerly seated 80,000 spectators The next largest is St. Peter's, which can seat 54,000 worshipers.

—A Baptist journal having a correspondent in Cuba predicts that if the revolution succeeds, the obstacles which have so long hindered evangelical work in Cuba will be removed, and there will be such an opening for missions there as the island has never presented before

—Peter pence collected in one week of September amounted to 186,000 francs from Italy, 285,000 from France, 300,000 from Austria, 100,000 from Spain and 70,000 from Belgium. Besides, the primate of Hungary and the duke of Norfolk gave each 50,000 francs and the Austrian archdukes a large sum.

—The American board of foreign missions closed the year, August 31, with a debt of $114,632. The receipts for the year were $716,837. It has under its care 20 missions, with 1,461 places for stated preaching, 461 churches with 44,413 members. The additions during the past year have been 3,266.

—Prof. Wagner, this year's rector of the University at Berlin, in his inaugural address, said that when socialism is scientifically examined its value as an intellectual force will be recognized, and Engels, Lassalle, and Marx will be regarded not as agitators, but as thinkers of the first rank, who have their dangers in common with other philosophers.

—Bishop Vincent, in an address to the members of the Genesee (N. Y.) Methodist conference, advised young ministers to ride the bicycle, saying: "I think nothing has done so much for our young people as the bicycle. It has saved them from falling into many bad practices and built up their constitutions at the same time. I hope you all have them. If not, get one."

—Senator Stephen B. Elkins and ex-Senator H. G. Davis have renewed the proposition made by them four years ago to the presbytery of Lexington, W. Va. The proposition, which has been accepted, contemplates the founding of a Presbyterian college at Elkins, W. Va., to which Messrs. Elkins and Davis will give thirty thousand dollars in cash and land for the site provided the presbytery raises a like sum.

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RINGS OF BERLIN IRON.

Retaliation of the French for an Indignity Perpetrated by the French.

A ring of "Berlin iron" was sold lately at a curiosity sale, but the price it fetched was not stated. The ring had a certain interest, in view of the determination of the French to celebrate the anniversary of Jena (October 14) as a set-off to the recent German celebration of Sedan. After that battle Napoleon was capable of the incredible meanness of rifling the tomb of Frederick the Great at Potsdam, perhaps in revenge for that king's defeating the French at Rosbach; and also of demanding from a poor country, as Prussia was, a war indemnity amounting to over six million sterling. Such was the impoverishment of the national treasury, that to make up the required contribution, and rid the Prussian soil of French soldiers, families gave up articles of value, and ladies parted with their gold rings, substituting for them rings of Berlin iron, which metal from this time obtained an historic importance in that country. At fashionable entertainments anyone wearing gold, and proving themselves thereby unpatriotic, would have been given the cold shoulder. It was like the dances of Paris in 1795, to which no one was admitted who was not wearing crape round the left arm, a proof that a member of the family had sacrificed himself for the country. Of necessity, the Berlin iron was confined to the upper classes, as no one else had gold rings to give, and it is only rarely one comes into the market, so carefully are preserved the proofs of their ancestors' devotion to the fatherland.—Leeds Mercury.

Head Garnishings.

When Emperor Napoleon I. was crowned king of Italy at Milan, May, 23, 1805, he placed the iron crown of Lombardy upon his head with his own hands, exclaiming: "Dieu me l'a donne; gare a qui la touche." (God has given it to me; beware who touches it,) which was the haughty motto attached to it by its ancient owners. The Hungarian crown, worn at their accession by the emperors of Austria as kings of Hungary, is the identical one worn by Stephen eight hundred years ago. It is of pure gold and weighs nine marks six ounces (fourteen pounds), and is adorned with fifty-three sapphires, fifty rubies, one emerald, and three hundred and thirty-eight pearls. The crown of the kings of France is a circle, enameled, adorned with precious stones, and heightened up with eight arched diadems, rising from as many fleurs-de-lis, that conjoin at the top under a double fleur-de-lis, all of gold. —Chamber's Journal.

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THERE is now a German Congregational church in Peoria. It was organized with Rev. Helmer T. Smidt as pastor, with a membership of about 100.

WIFE—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The fool! Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Risers? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills.

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By a People Who Long Ago Burst Asunder the Chains that Bound Them, Unwilling to the Castilian Throne —Freedom's Anniversary.

PANAMA, Dec. 5 —The Star and Herald says: Panama celebrated its seventy-fourth anniversary of independence on the 28th ultimo and for four succeeding days. The celebration marks the period when the last cord which connected the isthmus of Panama with Spain was burst asunder and the isthmus became independent

During the celebration on the night of the 29th ultimo shouts of "Viva Cuba libre" were heard on all sides. At the close of the day's amusements at the Plaza de Harrera, in connection with the isthmus' independence, the band went to the residences of several prominent gentlemen who are in sympathy with the Cuban cause and serenaded them.

Apropos to this announcement, it is rumored that the Spanish consul requested of the authorities to have a Cuban flag removed from the private residence of a Cuban gentleman, where it had been displayed in common with other flags and bunting throughout the city in honor of the feast The request was refused The Spanish element in Panama is much incensed over all these happenings During the feast a young foreign merchant was attacked by three Spaniards because he shouted "Viva la Cuba libre" A fight ensued, in which the party attacked had his finger broken

A paper called El Espana has made its appearance in defense of Spain It is edited by the priests, who are natives of Spain

A club has been formed at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, to aid the Cuban cause Its name is "Mariscal Sucre

A committee organized at Santa Ana Salvador to collect funds for the Cuban insurgents' raised $500 in two days

A severe shock of earthquake was felt in Caracas on the 16th ult which damaged several buildings

The volcano Llaima, in Iquique, has been active of late, causing great alarm to the people who live in the vicinity Three new craters have been opened.

STABBED IN A CHURCH.

A Young Woman Fatally Wounded for Refusing to Go to the Altar.

EVANSVILLE, Ind, Dec. 14 —Pearl Daum, the 18-year-old daughter of George L. Daum, Sr., one of the wealthiest and most prominent residents of Evansville, was stabbed last evening at Ingle street M E church She was attending revival services Her assailant was George Rubright 18 years of age.

He is of unsound mind, but he has heretofore been considered harmless For several days he had been following the girl. At church last night he approached her and asked her to accompany him to the altar She refused and he stabbed her, the blade of his knife entering the left breast just above the heart. She cannot survive Rubright is in jail. The affair caused great excitement in the church, a very large audience being present

STRANDED ACTORS.

The Digby Bell Opera Company Goes to Pieces in Terre Haute.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec 14 —The Digby Bell Opera Co of 60 persons went to pieces here yesterday. The company had barely made its way out of a disastrous trip in the south when it ran against a court injunction at Evansville, secured by the author of the opera 'Nancy Lee" He had received no royalty Freed of this, they came here last Saturday night, and then laid off until last night when a benefit performance was given, but the debt was too deep, although the manager of the opera house at Davenport offered to stand good for railroad fare to that city, where the company was to appear Sunday night Bell, with his wife, Laura Joyce Bell, left last night for New York. The members of the company are absolutely penniless

Wife Murder and Attempted Suicide.

NEW YORK, Dec 14.—John A. Goldsmith, the famous reinsman died at one o'clock yesterday at the Presbyterian hospital where he had been for the past few weeks Some months ago he underwent a very delicate operation, which for a time promised to be successful A relapse came, however, in October, and since that time little hope for his ultimate recovery has been entertained

Mrs. Goldsmith, a daughter of J. Owen Moore, the playwright, had been with her husband constantly since the beginning of his illness. They were married about the time Mr. Goldsmith fell ill

Goldsmith's skill as a reinsman placed him in the front rank of the harness-racing contingent and the Walnut Grove farm, of which he has been the guiding spirit, is one of the foremost homes of the standard-bred horse.

Shot His Wife and Killed Himself.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13 —Max Goodwick, residing at 1227 South Third street, yesterday afternoon shot his wife and then shot and killed himself. The woman's recovery is doubtful. Goodwick was 25 years of age and his wife 24 The couple had frequent quarrels and the shooting yesterday was the result of these bickerings.

Parliament to Meet February 11.

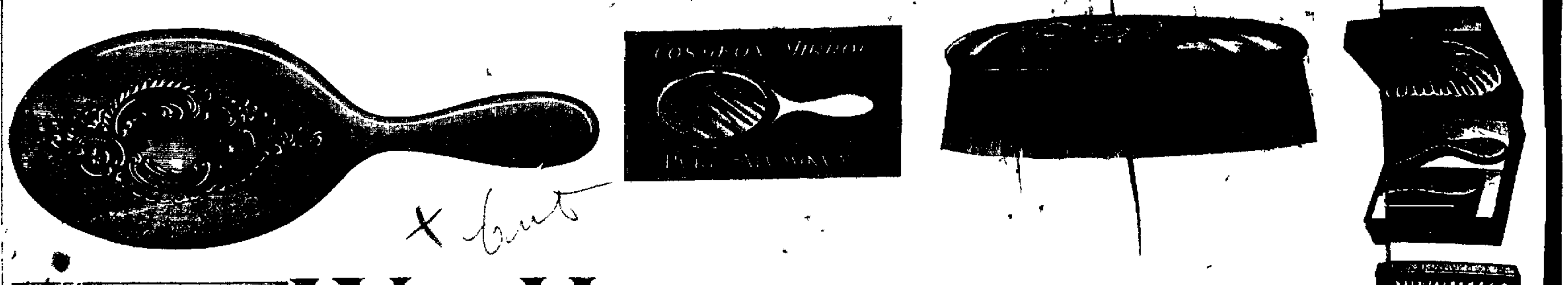
LONDON, Dec 14 —The Official Gazette contains a notice summoning parliament to meet on February 11.

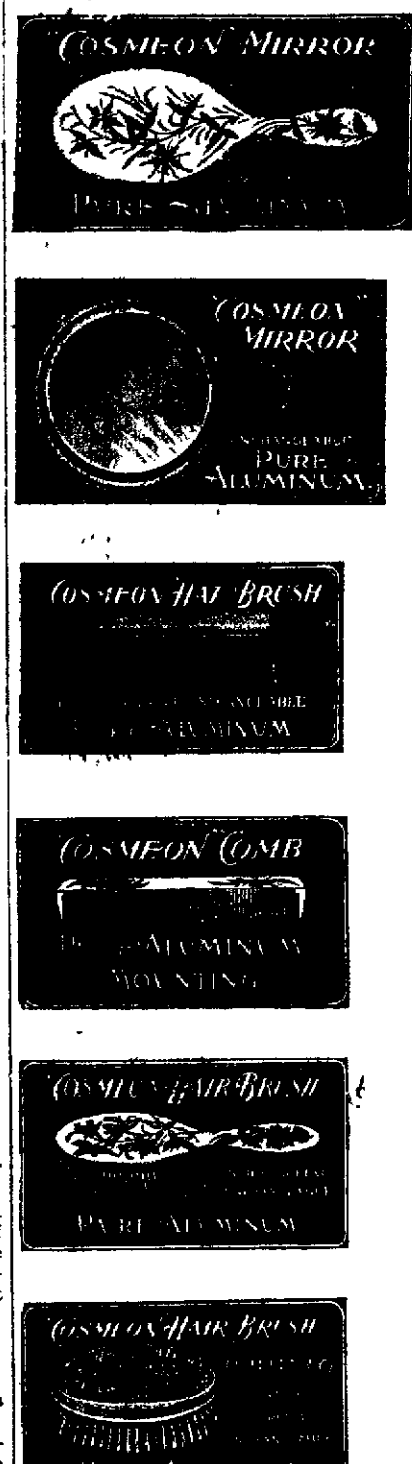
G. W. STANDLEY, of Cisco, has sold his farm to Edwin Doane and will move to Browntown, Tenn., January 1, where he has bought a farm of 289 acres.

DURYEA, the man who won the first prize in the motocycle contest at Chicago, lives in Peoria, and will probably make the machines there.

The Last Opportunity.

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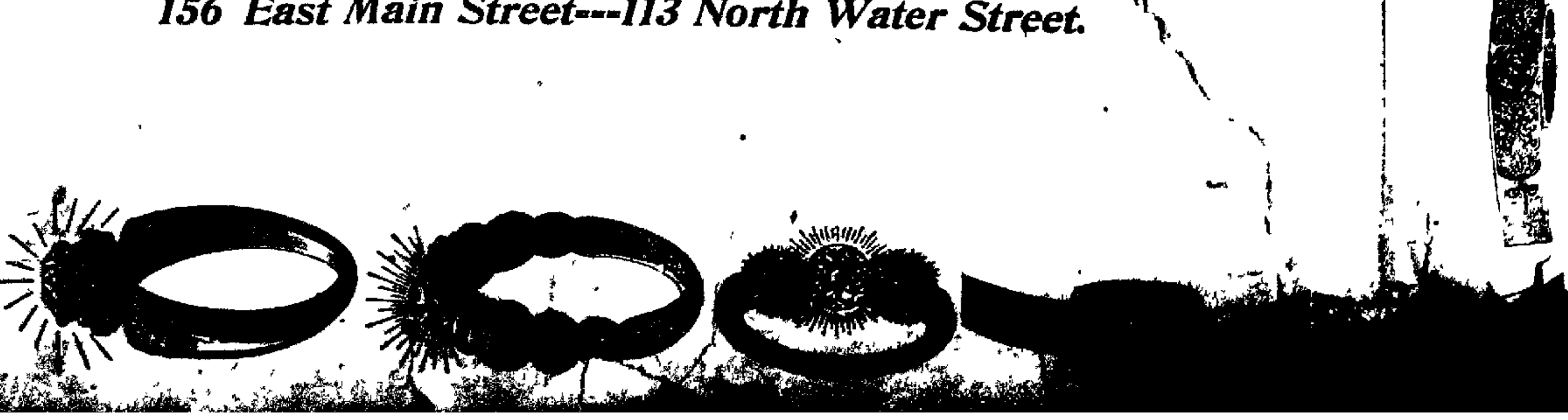
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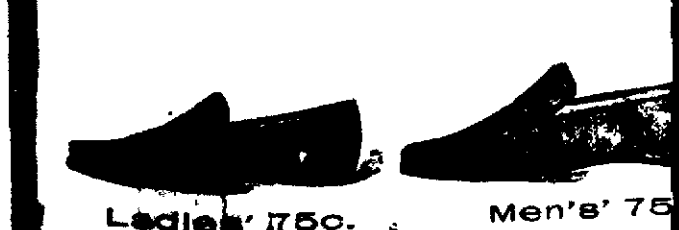
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A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST.

Every person's land benefited by this system of drainage is assessed according to benefits. The usual amount is from $1 to $12 per acre. The payment of this is extended over a term of six years and is collected with the other taxes. The owner of the land through which the ditch goes, is assessed, as well as the adjacent proprietors. For the land actually occupied by the ditch and dumps he is allowed payment at the rate of $10 per acre. The commissioners say that this is all that the land is worth undrained, and that if they drain it they can allow only what it was worth before they commenced their labors. The commissioners, however, build a good substantial wooden bridge, with iron braces, at their own expense for the owner of the land whenever requested.

BONDS ARE IN DEMAND.

Before work is commenced the commissioners issue bonds bearing 7 per cent. interest to run six years. These bonds are eagerly purchased by banks and capitalists. The assessments go to pay these bonds, and the land can be sold if these assessments are not paid.

SOME RESULTS.

Fully 20,000 acres of land has been reclaimed by means of this drainage district. Of this amount about 10,000 acres were worthless. It was worth in the neighborhood of $10 per acre, but now easily brings $100. Not all of the 20,000 acres have been increased in value this much, but all of it has increased fully 100 per cent. The corn raised on this reclaimed ground this year will average 70 bushels to the acre. Some of it will go 80, 90 and even 100 bushels but 70 bushels is a fair average yield. The soil seems to be an alluvial deposit, and as deep as the dredge has ever gone nothing but rich, black soil was ever discovered. In all this region the soil seems to be from 10 to 12 feet deep, or even more.

ITS TORTUOUS COURSE.

The north branch after running 12 miles in an exceedingly crooked course, empties into the main ditch near the little station of St. Johns, on the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville railroad between Mt. Pulaski and Latham. This is on land owned by Mr. J. Crane. The main canal will some time empty into Salt creek near Cornland, in Sangamon county, but at present it is not completed. The flow of water, though, has worn a channel for itself.

SUB DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

In addition to these three districts where only large canals are used, there are several sub-districts where only tile, of various sizes, are used. These tile chains empty into the big ditches. These sub districts are also under the control of the commissioners. One main tile chain is laid on each forty acres, when necessary, by the commissioners and an assessment is made and taxes collected as in the large districts. Additional tile can be put in by the owner, at his own option and expense.

THEY WERE JOHN THE BAPTISTS.

Messrs D. H. Sims, W. E. Williams, and Henderson Lakin, of Chestnut, were the pioneers in the organization of the north branch district and to them is due much credit for this great improvement. Mr. Larkin was re-elected last Monday, as one of the commissioners, as the law appoints that day all over the state for these elections.

M. SCHEURICH, of Colfax, is now agent for the advance Thresher Co. and will make his headquarters in Champaign.

NEW FRENCH ACTORS.

This Year's Prize Winners in the Conservatoire of Paris.

A Vivid Picture of Each—One Who Has Known Them Tells How They Look, Talk and Act, and Discusses Their Prospects.

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That much written of and much talked of institution the Comedie Francaise, is sustained by the French government, which, going one step further, maintains a school for the education of actors and actresses. This institution is called the Ecole de Declamation, and forms a part of the great conservatoire of Paris.

Each year contests take place at which prizes are awarded in comedy and tragedy; and those obtaining the first prizes in each are engaged for the year at the Odeon, the second national theater.

The opening of the school in October always sees a coming together of the contestants of the previous June. It is a sort of reunion after "les vacances," and usually a commiseration meeting as well, to condole with each other on the smallness of the parts which M. Marx, "villain," director of the Odeon, has given these new artists.

It is Monday morning, and at ten minutes of 11 by the clock in the gaunt gray court of the conservatoire. The concierge is running about, here and there, in his odd little black silk cap, which he touches unceremoniously to those pupils whom he fancies—for the bohemianism of the place has penetrated even to the concierge's lodge. The door opens.

"Mon Dieu!" "Comment ca va?" "Good morning, good morning." The



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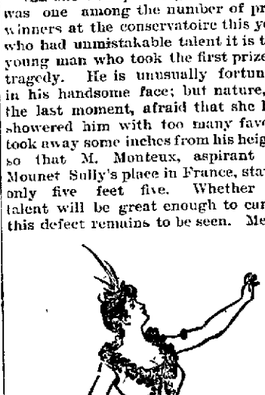
concierge actually shakes hands with the short, handsome fellow whose voice greets everybody, and whose dark face with its Spanish cast is rippling with good nature. A group of new pupils stand bashfully aside as the older ones crowd around to hear of M. Monteux's summer and what his prospects are.

"Isn't he handsome?"

"And such fire," whispers another voice. "Did you hear him at the concours? He gave a scene from Othello, and he was so ferocious! It made me fairly tremble!"

"But he was beautiful when he spoke to Ophelia. Such a voice! Such tenderness!"

And she was quite right. If there was one among the number of prize winners at the conservatoire this year who had unmistakable talent it is this young man who took the first prize in tragedy. He is unusually fortunate in his handsome face; but nature, at the last moment, afraid that she had showered him with too many favors, took away some inches from his height, so that M. Monteux, aspirant for Mounet Sully's place in France, stands only five feet five. Whether his talent will be great enough to cancel this defect remains to be seen. Meanwhile he is starting with many advantages on his side. He is surprisingly natural, a thing rare enough on any stage, but particularly so in the French theater. He has a fine voice, and perfect abandon to the part without losing his poise. It was small wonder that he was constantly chosen to assist in the scenes which the other pupils gave, for he never appeared on the little stage of M. Worms' class room without perfect preparation. Such application should stand him in good stead.



USES HER ARMS WITH EFFECT.

"It was tough, and I didn't think I should get it. Eh bien! Here's Ravet."

The heavy wooden door gave a special creak as M. Ravet stepped in, light trousers, black Prince Albert coat, tall hat, light gloves, and a prodigious stick, the whole capped by a face of the common French type; eyes which looked many things, and a full, sensuous mouth.

He comes forward shaking hands with the men, but always looking in the direction of the group of girls, towards whom he did not walk, however. In Paris one never gets young men talking with young girls in the way so universal in America. They look and look at each other, and have already progressed far towards acquaintanceship before a word has been spoken. So M. Ravet changed from one foot to the other as he smiled and bowed, first to one girl and then to another; and whatever he did there was an air of self-consciousness about it. This had been noticed in his "Oreste," which gained him the first mention in tragedy; later in



A PRIZE WINNER IN TRAGEDY.

the programme he had turned this characteristic into a help in the role of Lebonard in the "Visite de Noces;" and the audience clapped their hands when the jury awarded him the second prize in comedy.

You see any aspirant for honors can compete for both prizes—comedy and tragedy. If he fails in one the chance still remains of his having better luck in the other.

The man who obtained one of the prizes in comedy this year was a M. Coste, a pupil of M. Delaunay—a fellow who understood how to study, but who brought no special talent to his work. He gave a scene from the "Marriage Force," and as one paper remarked, "He knew very well how the scene was played at the Comedie Francaise, and he played it no worse than another."

"Eh bien—Eh bien!" M. Siblot said, bounding in unnoticed until his grunted "Eh bien" caused every one to turn. Then there was a mad rush!—"Siblot—It's Siblot, mamma," the young girls said to their chaperones; and everybody was shaking hands with everybody else, while M. Siblot stood back and said: "I don't seem to be in it." Really, however, the whole demonstration was intended for this favorite—the reproduction in larger mold of M. Got, and the favorite man-pupil of the whole Ecole. M. Siblot was under M. Got until last year, when M. de Feraudy took the master's place. The young Siblot has profited by the good instruction which he was privileged to have, and he does unusually solid, honest work. Perhaps there is a little too much imitation in it to please an American, but the professors and students and the press are all indulgent to the coming comedian. In the roles of old men, which are what he chooses mostly, M. Siblot does some very good work. His face is large and flabby, with the peculiar thick-lipped changeful mouth, which is one of M. Got's characteristics; and he is invariably good-natured and serene, a disposition not to be lightly valued in a profession where everybody is more or less of a firebrand.

Five minutes past 11 and M. Worms, the master, is not yet here; but this petted favorite does not disturb his dejeuner for the insignificant beginners; not that he bestirs himself much more for men who have succeeded; his role in life is that of an autocrat, which, happily, does not prevent him from being an excellent teacher. One of his pupils who obtained first mention in comedy, Mlle. Rabuteau, has much talent. To begin with, she is endowed with brains, and really turns them to account in studying her roles. She has a spice of originality in her also, from the quick way in which she turns her blonde head to the graceful gestures in which she dares to use the full length of her arms. Mlle. Rabuteau is very young, not over 17 certainly, and yet her emotions stand ready to be summoned for any scene. Sometimes one trembles slightly and looks in the direction of the cool, gray-headed mother among the listeners, whose eyes never leave her daughter, and who, one confides, must make an excellent guardian for this erratic young maiden. Personally, Mlle. Rabuteau seems to me to possess the most talent of anyone in the school; she comes the nearest to being a genius, and for that very reason she may overstep the mark and never be heard of more.

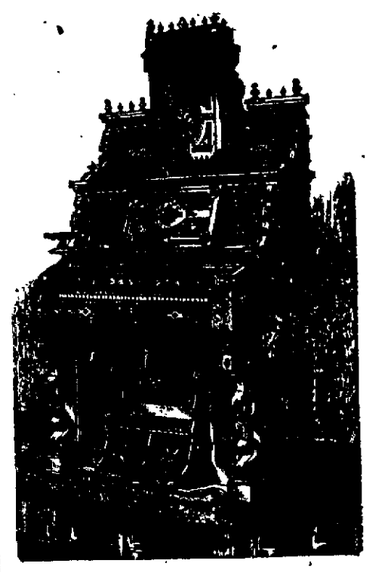
All the while there has been a constant babble in the corridor of the conservatoire, and the director has forborn to say "En arriere, Mesdemoiselles, en arriere." Everybody is allowed to stand around and talk, blessed privilege that it is! And when a sudden silence falls there can be but one explanation—M. Worms, who is stepping out of the director's office. His carriage has left him at the back entrance and he stopped to say a few mildly sarcastic things to M. le Director. As the actor passes along the men raise their hats and the girls bow, and Mlle. Lara and her mother, who have just entered, stop to shake hands with the master. Mlle. Lara, you must understand, took the first prize in comedy; she is a niece of Sarah Bernhardt's, although she bears no possible resemblance to her noted relative. The young actress is short and slender, with an air of good breeding which permeates everything she does. She has a pleasant, soft voice without much power; indeed she is not remarkable, but at least she is not vulgar. During her course at the conservatoire she has gained the respect and admiration of the whole class because of her irreproachable bearing.

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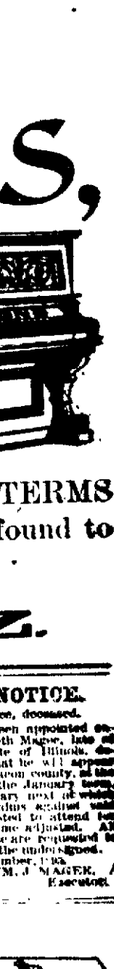
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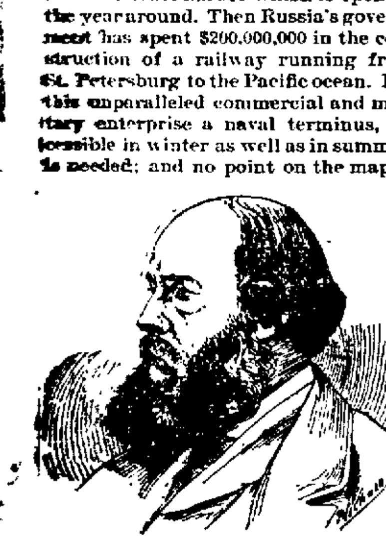
European politics present some interesting features at the present times. Rumors of war are as thick as flies around a molasses barrel—and just about as harmless. When the proper time for the declaration of the "great European war," of which journalistic warriors delight to speak comes, every nation concerned in the upheaval will be prepared for it. The Franco-German war of 1870-71 was the last gigantic struggle provoked at a period when the aggressor was physically unable to enter the arena. When Count Benedetti presented Napoleon's ultimatum to old King William at Ems, the French army was honeycombed with corruption, Army contractors had robbed the soldiers and the empire; and when the Napoleonic bluff was, at Bismarck's suggestion, met promptly, collapse swiftly followed in the wake of impudence.



PRINCE ALEXANDER LOBANOFF.
Chancellor of Russia and Friend of the Czar

Every power in Europe learned the lesson at Sedan that war nowadays means quick victory or quick destruction. Every branch of the military and naval service must be thoroughly equipped before advancing against an enemy. The commissary department must be free from dishonesty and arms and ammunition in proper condition. There are to-day but two powers in Europe whose armies could begin hostilities at a moment's notice—France and Germany. And there is not the slightest probability that either of them intends to disturb the peace.

Much has been made of the report, probably well founded, that Russia has sent a score of war vessels from Vladivostok to Port Arthur, on the Liao-Tung peninsula, recently conquered by Japan, and to Fusan, the principal port of the kingdom of Corea. This movement does not necessarily mean that Russia intends to annex either of the two ports. Vladivostok is the only Pacific coast port the Russian fleet now has, and as it is ice-bound more than seven months of each year it has always been the custom to dispatch the war vessels stationed there to the various Pacific stations maintained by the czar's government at the beginning of winter. Just now Corea and the Liao-Tung peninsula are seats of disturbance, and it is but natural that Russia should prepare to protect her interests at both points. This is, of course, the strictly pacific view of Russia's action, and one that is open to many objections, chief among them the czar's frequently expressed desire to possess a Pacific coast harbor which is open all the year around. Then Russia's government has spent $200,000,000 in the construction of a railway running from St. Petersburg to the Pacific ocean. For this unparalleled commercial and military enterprise a naval terminus, accessible in winter as well as in summer, is needed; and no point on the map of Asia would be as serviceable for this purpose as Port Arthur or Fusan.



LORD SALISBURY.
Prime Minister of Great Britain.

No one who has even a smattering knowledge of Russian diplomacy will doubt that, eventually, Russia will secure one of the ports, but it is doubtful whether so shrewd a diplomat as Count Lobanoff, the present head of the Russian ministry, would press his country's claims just now. Russia's greatest conquests have been the result of diplomatic victories. Judging the present case from past experience Russia will not demand what she is pleased to call her "dues" by force, but procure them by means of secret treaties. Hence it would not be surprising if some day in the near future the czar's ambassadors would announce to the governments of Europe that Russia had secured Port Arthur in the course of peaceful negotiations with China. Such a consummation might at once lead to a war with Great Britain, but it is extremely doubtful. Japan, on the other hand, would not hesitate to declare war against Russia, which, with the assistance of France and Germany, compelled her to give up the Liao-Tung peninsula, after [illegible] conquered it in her war [illegible]. Should Japan be in danger [illegible] crushed by Russia, Great Britain would have to come to her assistance; but not until that progressive [illegible] nation had exhausted all its resources of offense and defense would the peace of Europe be jeopardized. So much may be taken for granted, whatever sensational journalists may say to the contrary.

But to give persons who desire to see a great war a crumb of comfort, it must be stated that a conflict between Russia and Great Britain is as inevitable as was our own civil war. Sooner or later a gigantic struggle for supremacy in [illegible] must take place, and England's [illegible] friends are of the opinion that it cannot occur too soon for England's good. Evidently Lord Salisbury and his advisers entertain a similar view. They are strengthening the British navy and army all along the line, while British diplomats are scouring the continent for probable allies in the great conflict. France would unquestionably fight with Russia; Italy would remain neutral; but Germany and Austria might be induced to espouse the British cause. Still, all combinations of this kind are exceedingly problematical and subject to as many fluctuations as Wall street quotations.

Many thoughtful observers are of the opinion that the vexed Armenian problem is a greater menace to the peace of Europe than the Pacific coast squabble. England still maintains a powerful fleet at the entrance of the Dardanelles to enforce each and every provision of the reform proclamation which she compelled the sultan to sign. Ostensibly Russia is in sympathy with the Armenian agitation, but she would, nevertheless, consider the anchoring of British war vessels at the gate of Constantinople a serious affront. For centuries the Russian emperors have looked upon the ancient capital of the Greek empire as their prey. To secure possession of it they have fought many costly wars, the last in 1877. At the very gate of the coveted city, Great Britain and other powers stopped their triumphal march; and at the congress of Berlin, Russian diplomacy was cheated out of the reward earned by Russian bayonets by Lord Beaconsfield and his crafty ally, Prince Bismarck.

This wound is still open and bleeds whenever the division of the Ottoman empire becomes the subject of diplomatic correspondence. Russia's interests in Turkey and the states surrounding it, most of which have been liberated by Russian arms, are paramount, and her statesmen have always announced that no country but theirs has the right to correct Turkish abuses. Diplomatic defeats have not taught them to respect the rights of other powers; and when Great Britain, in conjunction with the other Berlin treaty powers, took the initiative in demanding protection for the Armenians from the Turkish government, the St. Petersburg government took but an indifferent part in the negotiations. This is why the opinion that the landing of the British marines on Turkish soil or the firing of even one shot would be considered casus belli by Russia is gaining ground. And a war called forth by such an occurrence would indeed be a veritable battle of giants, as it would involve France and Russia on one side, and Great Britain, Germany, Austria and Italy on the other.



MATTHEW IZMIRLIAN.
Armenian Patriarch at Constantinople

Meanwhile the "unspeakable Turk" continues to massacre innocent Armenians, men, women and children, and thus fans the flame which may be destined to extinguish his reign in Europe. From Trebizond and Bitlis comes news of terrible outrages committed by Turkish soldiers, civil officials and civilians. The pronunciamento of the sultan is not heeded, although it was emphasized by the drowning in the Bosporus of 50 young Turks who were guilty of excesses during the Armenian riots at Constantinople.

The Turkish army is no longer to be relied upon by the sultan. Seditious placards are discovered every morning posted in different parts of the city, and Abdul Hamid is afraid of being dethroned or assassinated. This unfortunate monarch, although constantly surrounded by a body guard of 5,000 men, is so afraid of his life that, contrary to long-established precedent, he has given up his weekly state visit to the mosque. He trusts nobody and will take no food unless it has been tasted in his presence by some high official, preferably one upon whom he does not look with favor. His visits to the harem are short and far between, for, as rumor has it, he is desperately afraid of the chief eunuch, who took an active part in the assassination of his imperial predecessor.

Between foreign enemies whose ambassadors demand sweeping reforms and domestic enemies who seek his life the sultan's existence, in spite of an annual income of $10,000,000, could hardly be called a pleasant one. Driven from pillar to post he may conclude to end his career amidst the blare of trumpets and battle's alarms by declaring a "holy war" against the enemies of the prophet. This, of course, is not a probability, but inasmuch as drowning men clutch at straws it is not an impossibility.

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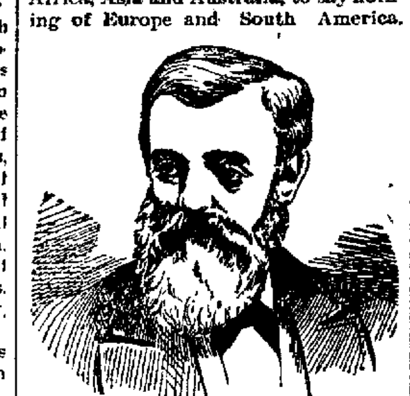
THE GAME OF DIPLOMACY.

Our Government Compelled to Take a Hand in It.

Why the Administration Hesitates to Recognize the Cuban Patriots as Belligerents—The Conquest of Madagascar and the Waller Case.

[Written for This Paper.]

It is becoming more evident from day to day that the policy pursued by the fathers of the republic not to take an active part in foreign politics, unless it be to maintain the Monroe doctrine, cannot be perpetuated much longer. The greatness of the United States carries with it certain duties of which Washington, Jefferson, Monroe and Jackson, yes even Lincoln, could have had no adequate idea. To-day American commerce extends into the remotest portions of Africa, Asia and Australia, to say nothing of Europe and South America.

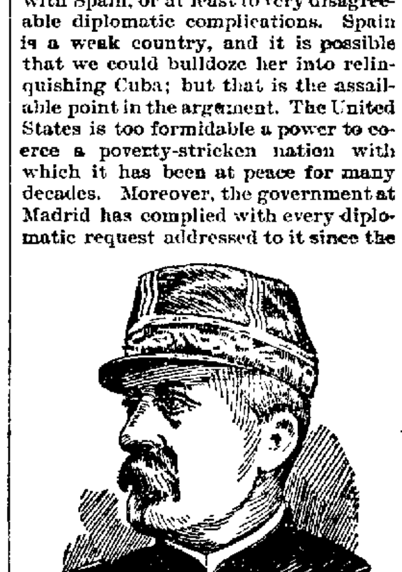


SENOR SALVADOR CISNEROS.
President of the Provisional Government of the Cuban Republic.

Yankee capital is invested in plantations on the Congo, in islands like Madagascar and in the distant antipodes. Every arbitrary action of European governments jeopardizes American interests somewhere; and these interests must be protected at all hazards.

The government at Washington is beginning to devote to foreign relations the attention which they should have had some time ago. The president and his secretary of state, Mr. Olney, view with intense interest the development of the revolution in Cuba; the encroachments of Great Britain upon Venezuelan territory; the conquest of Madagascar by the French, and the Turkish outrages against the Armenians. The latter are of no direct political interest, of course, but the United States, which claims to typify liberty, cannot remain dumb when the rest of the civilized world clamors for mercy and justice for a race which, however tricky and vulgar it may have become in the course of several centuries of virtual slavery, still fights under the Cross and suffers in the sacred name of the Christ.

The Cuban revolution is immensely popular in the United States. As individuals we would not hesitate a moment to cast our lot with the so-called rebels; but the national government cannot act with quite as much freedom. Mass meetings have recently been held in various cities demanding of President Cleveland the recognition of the revolutionists as belligerents. It is extremely doubtful whether the persons so eloquent in formulating this demand fully understand its meaning. To recognize the belligerent rights of Cuba would, in all probability, lead to a war with Spain, or at least to very disagreeable diplomatic complications. Spain is a weak country, and it is possible that we could bulldoze her into relinquishing Cuba; but that is the assailable point in the argument. The United States is too formidable a power to coerce a poverty-stricken nation with which it has been at peace for many decades. Moreover, the government at Madrid has complied with every diplomatic request addressed to it since the



GEN. DUCHESNE.
Conqueror of Madagascar and the Lion of Paris.

beginning of the present outbreak. It has paid the Mora claim, after years of procrastination, and has recognized Mr. Williams, the American consul general at Havana, as a diplomatic agent, a privilege accorded to no other commercial representative except the German consul. In the Allianca affair it also did the fair thing. Instead of sulking, it apologized to the American government at the demand of the late Secretary Gresham, and promised that its war ships would no more interfere with the American trading vessels, whether within or outside of the international three-mile limit.

These are but a few of the diplomatic reasons which prevent official recognition of the revolutionists. Nevertheless, it is but fair to suppose that as soon as Spain shows by any act, however slight, that it is no longer able to protect the property interests of Americans residing in Cuba, the president will at once receive a minister from the provisional government. Such an act would then mean the independence of the island and the unfurling of the famous one-starred flag of "Cuba Libre." The Spaniards are aware that they are fighting a battle for existence. Commander in Chief Martinez de Campos, Spain's greatest general, and his advisers, who thought they could quell the insurrection in a few weeks, have adopted a new plan of campaign. Instead of exterminating captive rebels by fire and sword, they are trying to weaken them by promise of reforms. But the bait is not swallowed readily. Years of injustice and legalized robbery, sanctioned by the crown and its representatives, have united under the insurgent flag the best blood and clearest brain of Cuba, and this excellent material has selected for its provisional president Senor Salvador Cisneros, unquestionably the most distinguished and truly noble son of the Gem of the Antilles. Cisneros, note the prediction, will not be betrayed as was the gallant Lopez, but will live to be the chief executive of a free country. The struggle may be prolonged for months or years, but the end will justify the present expenditure of blood and wealth. With or without recognition from the United States liberty will sooner or later establish her seat of justice and mercy in the government house at Havana.

The conquest of Madagascar by the French troops under Gen. Duchesne was made complete by the capture of Antananarivo, the capital of the kingdom. France and Madagascar have been at outs for more than ten years, chiefly over the right of the kingdom to act independently of the French resident in granting exequaturs to foreign consuls. The government of Madagascar held that the treaty made between it and France gave the latter country no such privileges. Last September M. Le Myre de Vilers was sent to the island with an ultimatum insisting that France should control the foreign relations of Madagascar. The queen refused to comply with the ultmatum, and in January, of this year, Gen. Duchesne was dispatched to Madagascar with an army of 15,000 men. The native soldiers, recruited from the Hovas, the principal tribe of natives, fought but indifferently, and the Frenchmen won the campaign easily, although thousands were killed by the fevers peculiar to the climate of the invaded island. After the fall of the capital peace negotiations were completed, which make the island to all interests and purposes a French colony. The queen's husband, who was the prime minister, and all his political friends have been banished, but the queen herself has been permitted to retain her



THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

title and palaces. The native police force has been disbanded and all authority will be exercised by French soldiers. Customs and internal taxes will also be administered by the conquerors. The French government has, by the conquest of Madagascar, gained not only a valuable province, but President Faure has thereby also prolonged the life of his present ministry; to say nothing of having given to the nation a new popular hero, in the person of Gen. Duchesne, who may be destined to out-Boulanger poor, foolish Boulanger himself. The United States has a diplomatic interest in the conquest because it may complicate the case of ex-Consul Waller, who was sentenced to twenty years' loss of liberty by a French drum-head court-martial in Madagascar, and is now imprisoned in France. The authorities at Washington have hitherto denied the right of French jurisdiction in his case, and will probably maintain that position in spite of recent developments.

Uncle Sam's forceful protests in the Venezuela boundary squabble are based on the Monroe doctrine and will be heeded by Great Britain, which cannot afford to quarrel with this country while her interests in Asia are at stake. Russia and France would be delighted to see England pursue a belligerent policy in South America, but they will be disappointed. Great Britain claims a strip of Venezuelan territory under ancient treaties. Venezuela denies the claim and President Crespo is prepared to fight for the rights of his country. Some time ago the late Secretary Gresham urged England to arbitrate the dispute. The offer was refused with a degree of hauteur which now seems almost ridiculous. England is clearly in the wrong, and much as she may covet the rich mines in the Orinoco basin she will not do anything which would make war with the United States almost a necessity.

Our interest in the Turco-Armenian squabble is, as has been said, purely humanitarian. England, Russia and France have demanded of the porte far-reaching reforms in the administration of Armenian affairs and assurances that the lives of Armenians in all parts of the Turkish empire shall be secure. After much haggling the sultan complied with the ultimatum of these powers; but his acquiescence may lead to a revolution, and a revolution at this time would mean anarchy and dissolution of the Ottoman realm. It would also mean the butchery of all American missionaries in Turkey; and thus the Armenian imbroglio may become of near interest to the people of this country.

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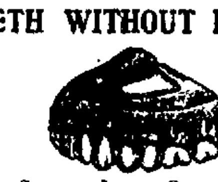
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BEST oysters in the city, bulk or can, received direct from Baltimore daily at John Finn's. dec12 df

SHOULDER BRACES, atomizers, medicated soaps and hair tonic at Irwin's drug store.

Kalendar Kermiss. Kalendar Kermiss.

WHAT's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

THE Grand Opera House cigars, made by Keck & Weigand, are the best in town mar25 dtf

MAMA eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

FRESH Red Snapper, Mackerel, Cod Fish and Lobsters.
dec12 d3t PEARL OYSTER & FISH CO.

Go to Grass, 308 North Water street. Finest line of paper hanging in the city. dec7-2w

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR

JUST before going to bed, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

100 BLOUSE waist sets reduced to 63 and 88 cts., per set from $1.50 and $2.00 at Otto E. Curtis & Bro.'s. dec10-d1w

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.

Skates, Skates, Skates. C. L. Griswold & Co.

Go to the Spencer & Lehman company for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps and pump repairs feb6-d&wtf

Go to A. L. Brockway, 571 North College street, for Christmas candies, nuts, groceries and meats. Cheap as the cheapest. 12d2w

WHEN you want to make mince meat you can get all the fruits, meat and sweet cider at John Finn's. Telephone 341. dec12 dtf

Go to Grass', 308 North Water street, for fine picture frames Largest line ever shown in the city. Prices the lowest dec7-2w

THE Buyers' and Merchant's' Benefit Bureau saves you 4 per cent on your entire living expenses. Call upon the manager L. Chodat and learn how.

300 PAIRS of Link Cuff buttons marked down to 50, 63 and 98cts. from $1.00, $1 50, and $2 00 at Otto E. Curtis & Bro.'s. dec10-d1w

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR

NO BETTER soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Mt. Olive. Buy it of M. F. Metz Personally he can be found at the yard office, 800 North Broadway. For Broadway office, Old Phone, 433; New Phone, 135. Also leave orders with T. W Cann, 629 North Main, or with Harry Metz, at King & Metz' drug store. Hard coal, all sizes, always in stock at market prices. Nov. 11-dtf

Farm at Auction.

A splendid farm of about 130 acres, six and one half miles southwest of Decatur and one and one-half miles northeast of Boody, known as the Miers, formerly the McAffee farm. The land is in the highest state of cultivation, has a good house and best class of improvements. The land will be sold at the court house door on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1895, at 2 p. m., under decree of court to the highest bidder, for division among heirs.

TERMS—One third cash, one third in one, and one-third in two years; or, one-half cash, and one half in two years, or all cash, as the buyer may prefer. Deferred payments to be secured by mortgage on the property sold.

JAMES J. FINN,
dec3 d&wtd Master in Chancery.

A Sound Liver makes a Well Man.

Are you Bilious, Constipated, or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever, &c? If you have any of these symptoms, your Liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your Liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the Liver, Stomach or Bowels. It has no equal as a Liver Medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottles at J. W. Eichinger's and C. F. Shilling's.

Ballard's Snow Liniment Will Cure

Neuralgia; It will also cure Lame Back, Sore Throat, Wounds, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, old Sores. Ladies, it will cure your back-ache. Sold by J. W. Eichinger and C. F. Schilling.

FREIGHT CAR SHOOTING.

Three Men Arrested at Springfield in Connection With the Affair.

The partner of the man who was shot in the C. & A. freight car the other night were taken to Lincoln by Mr. John Talmage, with whom he stayed the night he was suffering from a lacerated hip caused by a bullet, also a bruised arm and side, caused by jumping from the swiftly moving train. The "shooters" were lodged in the county jail. They were captured by the Springfield police, and are three in number, namely, John "Doe," Frank Sherwood and Frank McGraw. John "Doe" was the possessor of an ugly looking 38-caliber revolver, and he is a tough looking customer. Sherwood was wounded in the arm. The other was unharmed. "Doe" had a narrow escape; a bullet hit him, striking a button over his abdomen. Helmanson, who was the man they attempted to rob, and Lake, who gave the alarm and was taken to the hospital Thursday night, are Finlanders, and have been in the rock quarries in Michigan. They came to Chicago and then to Lamont. They could not find work, and had started for Louisiana. They had about $80, which they still have, or most of it. Their stories may be modified some when the proper times comes.

The Decatur and Western Deal.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 12.—The following persons have been elected officers of the Indiana, Decatur and Western: M. D. Woodford, president; H. F. Shoemaker, vice-president; Geo. R. Balch, secretary; F. H. Short, treasurer. It will be noticed that the four are closely identified with the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton. Mr. Balch is a son in-law of President Woodford. The understanding is that the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton will be in full control of the Indiana, Decatur and Western by the first of the year. Many changes are likely to follow this deal. That a new through line between Cincinnati and St. Louis will be established is certain, as the line, in connection with the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, is no longer than the line of the Big Four between Cincinnati and St. Louis, and doubtless the through parlor car now run daily and the through sleeping car run nightly over the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and the Vandalia will be transferred to the new line, as the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City is already arranging to put on a train which will make a good day connection for St. Louis with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton lines. In freight, the improvement in business with the Indiana, Decatur & Western and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton will be most marked, as in its new acquisition the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton gets into the heart of the best corn belt in this section.

Sam Can Glory in Such Blame.

Chicago *Journal and Press:* The noble army of patriots returning from Washington "bringing their tales behind them" with one accord blame Sam Allerton with their discomfiture in the matter of securing the national Republican convention.

But Sam can stand their blame a good deal better than he could afford to guarantee their 30, 60, 90 and 150-day notes for $100,000.

Your uncle Sam, the financial farmer of Geneva lake, has had dealings with Messrs. Billy Lorimer et. al., before, and he has a costly job lot of experience as a memento of the whirl of April, 1893.

Sam is not the kind of a hayseed that fools with a live wire the second time. He has always been willing to put up his share in any sort of a game, even venturing a hundred thousand or so in one game he did not understand.

Of all the men who went to Washington to bring the convention to Chicago, Sam Allerton is the only one who returns without loss of prestige. His common sense and pocketbook are intact.

Many Applicants for Clergy Permits.

Over 5,000 applications have been made to the clergy bureau of the Western Passenger Association for annual permits to travel over any or all roads in the association's territory at half rates. They are not alone from clergymen, but from nearly all classes of people connected in any way with religious work. Each application has to be investigated before the half-fare permit is granted, and an unusually large force of clerks will be at the work for weeks to come.

Kalendar Kermiss. Kalendar Kermiss.

Narrow Escape.

Warrensburg *Enterprise:* Mrs. W. T. Bullard came near being killed Wednesday. A team of horses ran away. After they came to a stop Mrs. Bullard ran to them. The horses ran again and Mrs. Bullard tried to keep away from them but they ran after her, overtaking and knocking her down. It is said the horses ran over her, and she was taken from beneath the wagon which was attached to them. Her face was severely cut and bruised and she was otherwise bruised and injured.

Farmers and Their Corn.

No grain is coming in now at all, although the roads are quite good again. The idea of more snow is not relished by farmers who yesterday were just about ready to get into their fields again after the recent snows. There is yet a good deal of corn to husk and but very few farmers are entirely through. It is a growing belief that there will not be such a big crop as it was thought there would be some time ago. In many parts of this and adjacent counties the crop has turned out to be much less than it was supposed it would be a little while ago.

PILES of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures scalds and burns without the slightest pain. West's Drugstore.

MASONIC HOME.

Ladies Receive Much Substantial Encouragement.

Peoria Transcript.

Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, of the Masonic Home company, reports that she and the other Eastern Star Ladies who have been prospecting have met with much encouragement. Although no systematic canvass has been begun, yet nearly $1,000 has been subscribed and two sites offered for the home. Delos S. Brown offers a site of five acres out near Prospect Heights, and another site of the same size has been tendered near the site of the insane asylum, though the name of the owner is not given out.

In view of the very busy time preceding the holidays Mrs. Simpson has concluded to call no more meetings of the committees until after the holidays. Then the matter will be vigorously pushed and it is thought that the money for a suitable site can be easily raised. Five acres is all that is asked for, and innumerable sites of that size can be had in and around Peoria.

It will be seen that Peoria is hustling for the home. Decatur people are not idle. We can and will offer as much as any other point. The location question will be settled in February.

LAST BONDS BURNED.

The Last DeWitt County's Railroad Indebtedness Wiped Out.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors the last of the DeWitt county railroad bonds were consigned to the flames. Twenty-five years ago DeWitt county gave bonds to the Gilman, Clinton & Springfield road to the amount of $175,000, and the townships along the line contributed about $250,000 more. During the bonded period the townships contributed over half a million dollars to railroads. Four of the townships are paid out and the other three will pay out before 1897. To day DeWitt county rejoices that this indebtedness is paid off and the last of the bonds burned.

Couldn't Carry a County.

Washington *Post:* "How does the third term idea seem to take in Texas?" asked a *Post* reporter of Congressman J. W. Bailey at the Riggs.

"Possibly I may be mistaken," was the reply, "but my opinion is that if Mr. Cleveland were a candidate next year he would fail to carry a single county in Texas or the United States."

"Have you any idea as to the probable nominee of the Democratic party?"

None whatever; it's too far off to give much consideration at present. If I had any voice in the matter there is no man I'd prefer to Senator Stephen M. White, of California. He would make a first-rate candidate; his record is good all the way through, and his stalwart championship of silver would give him the undoubted support of the Pacific slope and of all the great mining region of the west. In the south he would get every electoral vote. A more available Democrat and a worthier man could not be found."

Phosphorus in the Brain.

The human brain contains a considerable proportion of phosphorus, varying one twentieth to one thirtieth the entire mass. If the average weight of the Caucasian brain be taken at 47½ ounces it will then contain an amount of phosphorus amounting from 1 7-12 to 2 3 8 ounces. A curious fact regarding this phosphorus in the human brain is that it is almost entirely wanting in the brain matter of idiots. It has also been noted that the brain power depends, to some extent, at least, on the number and depth of the convolutions in the brain mass. Halleo says: "The lower we descend in the scale of intelligence, the fewer and shallower these convolutions become."

The Prince of Orators.

"SNOBS AND SNOBBERY."

Colonel Copeland for brilliancy, richness of thought, convincing argument, impassioned eloquence and convulsing wit and humor, is unquestionably the peer of any lecturer of the present time. —Chicago *Times*.

Y. M. C. A. star course No. 3, Baptist church, Thursday night, Dec. 19. Admission 50c. Reserved seats at Opera House drug store. Dec. 13 2t

The Comet Now Visible.

Perrine's comet now is plainly visible to the naked eye as a hazy object about equal in brightness to a star of the fourth magnitude, but is not well situated for observation. It can be seen only in the early morning, about the time twilight begins. It is in the southern Scale of Libra, a little west from the head of the constellation of the Scorpion. The comet is rapidly nearing the same right ascension as the sun, as seen from the earth, and will be in perihelion about the 18th of this month. A photograph taken of the stranger shows it to have a tail that is composed of one long streamer and several short ones.

"I'se In Town, Honey!"



Pancake Flour

Plate after plate of delicious, healthful pancakes—There's a pleasant breakfast for you!

Aunt Jemima's is the best material. Made of *Wheat, Corn and Rice*—the three great staffs of life. Beware of imitations. Sold only in *red packages*

HERE'S OUR GUARANTEE.

Buy a package of Genuine Aunt Jemima's Self-Rising Pancake Flour, and if you do not find it makes the best cakes you ever ate, return the empty box to your grocer, leave your name, and the grocer will refund the money and charge it to us.

Scientifically Prepared and Manufactured only by
R. T. DAVIS MILL CO., St. Joseph, Mo.
Send us 2c in stamps for Lily History of Aunt Jemima and a set of her Philadelphia dolls.

FIRE SALE!

Having purchased the entire stock of Shirts, Waiters' and Barber Coats saved from the great fire by the Columbia Manufacturing Company, the

GEORGE W. JONES & CO.
Clothing House

Have Placed on Sale at the Following LOW PRICES:

Slightly damaged Shirts at 10c, worth 40c to 50c.
" " " " 15c, " 60c to 75c.
" " " " 25c, " 1 00 to 1.50
Shirts that are not damaged at 40c, worth 65c
" " " " at 50c, " 75c to 90c
" Silk striped, not damaged at 75c, worth 1 00 to 1 50
" Laundred " " at 35c, " 75c to 1.00
" " " " at 50c, " 85c to 1.25
" " " " at 75c, " 1.25 to 1.50
" " " " at 1 00, " 1.75 to 2.00
" " " " at 58c, " 1.50
" All wool, slightly damaged, at 75c, worth 1 00 to 2 00
Barber Coats and Waiter Jackets, not damaged, at 50c, worth 1.25 to 1.50

We commence with this sale and place our entire stock of Clothing in with it. You cannot afford to miss it. We have decided to reduce our stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises and Grips to make room for new spring goods. The loss of crops to the farmers makes money dear, and we propose to sell you clothing on a par with CORN AT 20c per bushel Come and avail yourselves of this opportunity to clothe your families for the winter at the low prices. Do not forget the location.

108 Prairie Street. First door west of American Ex. Office., Decatur.

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Carries the Newest and Finest Line of

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Fine Stationery and Xmas Cards.

Everything in the Drug and Stationery Sundry Lines.

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CERRODANIE CAPSULES

Are a positive cure
FOR RHEUMATISM AND NEURALGIA.

PRICE $1 per box. 6 boxes $5



Sent by mail postpaid on receipt of price. It has cured thousands, it will cure you. Try it and be convinced.

A letter from Mrs. Lafayette Green, of Ottawa, Kan., to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Carpenter, of Decatur, Ill. Read it and see what Cerrodanie Capsules have done for her. They will do as much for you if you have rheumatism. They can't fail to cure you if taken properly, for they destroy and remove the cause, and a cure must follow:

OTTAWA, KANSAS, May 25, 1895.

I write, Dot, to let you know that I haven't an ache or pain in my body and have not taken quite two boxes yet. Isn't that grand? First time in over 20 years. Even the pain in my knees is entirely gone and I am sure it is the medicine you sent me that cured me. Oh, Dot, you don't know how thankful I am that you sent it to me, for I had no faith in any medicine and would not have taken it had it come from anyone else but you, for you know the same as I do how many kinds of medicines I have taken and nothing done me any good. Please see if I of send take the rest of the medicine you sent me. I don't want you to send me any more for I am well now and am sure there isn't any need of me taking any more. After you sent me the Laxilon it seemed to do me so much good and the Cerrodanie Capsules seemed to take hold with it, and the first thing I knew my rheumatism was all gone. Your father said when he saw the capsules, "Oh, some more patent medicine. Mary had better save her money for she knows you can't be cured." Dave Waverly's father-in-law has been confined to his bed for a number of years. Your brother Joe has gone to tell him of my wonderful cure and get him to try Cerrodanie Capsules, for I am sure they will cure him. He is a poor man and of course will look at the cost. He is just like I was and has tried so many different things without getting any relief that he has lost all faith in everything. But I know that Cerrodanie will cure rheumatism and neuralgia, faith or no faith. Many thanks to you, my darling daughter, for sending me Cerrodanie, for language can't express the pain and misery I have suffered for the past 20 years. Tell the Cerrodanie company that I will do all in my power to spread the good news that their capsules are a positive cure for rheumatism. Your loving mother, MRS. LAFAYETTE GREEN,
Ottawa, Kansas.

CERRODANIE CATARRH CURE.

This preparation is fatal to the microbe of Catarrh, which, lodging in the mucous membrane of the nasal passages, is the cause of this troublesome malady. Persistent use of this remedy will destroy those microbes. PRICE 25c. Agents Wanted. Prepared by

THE CERRODANIE COMPANY, Decatur, Illinois.
VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME.

An Elegant line of
NECKWEAR
In the Newest Effects,
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SPECIALTIES:
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Room 6, Syndicate Block, - - Decatur, Illinois.

THE PARADISE OF SNAKES.

Java Has Millions, and Many of the Most Poisonous Kind.

The Itaho sugar estate in Java comprises over twelve thousand acres, about one-third of which is in cane. This is in one of the most densely wooded parts of Java, and the bush is like a wall, impervious even to many wild animals, but snakes flourish and there are no less than ten varieties that are deadly poisonous. Eight of the coolies employed on this estate have died in the of four months from snake bites. The chain viper is most dreaded as it will not get out of one's way, and when trodden on by the barefooted natives, strikes fatally. Twelve miles away is the ruined city of Choru, a wilderness of temples built of stone, cut in designs as fine as lacework. On the north side of all these buildings are long arched passages, and here wild animals resort to get out of the intolerable heat. Leading from these avenues are hundreds of small chambers having no windows. In these lurk more snakes than can be found anywhere else in the island.

It is not surprising that the eastern nations look upon Englishmen as lunatics. They do so many foolhardy things from no apparent motive save to risk their lives. Two years ago an English naval lieutenant was here visiting a neighboring planter and his peculiar craze was making a collection of Javan reptiles. His only attendant was an English sailor lad about sixteen, and these two, against all warning, went roaming around the forests without a guide. In Choru, the ruined city, the lieutenant found a rich harvest and killed a magnificent black jaguar, but an adventure with a snake ended his sport. One day he and the boy were under one of the long archways of the big temple and, looking through the doorways of one of the dark chambers, saw something yellow in the far corner. Without a moment's thought he entered and gave the mass a punch with his cane. A tremendous hiss that fairly shook the walls was followed by an assault swift as the leap of a tiger, and the man found himself seized by a huge Bari snake, the most aggressive and dangerous of our constrictors. His left shoulder was crushed by the brute's teeth, and quick as a flash a coil was around his body and he felt the steel-like compression. But the grit of the boy saved his master's life. He had a heavy, sharp wood knife, and he struck the reptile two heavy blows just back of the head, the most vulnerable part of its body, because the thinnest. Its backbone was divided. The coil relaxed, but the powerful tail lashed out, breaking the boy's leg. It was two hours before they were found and brought up in a cart. The lieutenant's left shoulder was crushed beyond surgery and the arm was useless. Both master and boy recovered after a spell of fever. I saw the snake, a hideous object, black and yellow, and fifteen feet long. Such a brute would crush a horse.

Gunning one day near the Wasil river in the interior of the island, I watched a number of wild hogs coming to the water to drink. Suddenly, the head of a snake arose above the grass and a hog squealed. A python had seized a full-grown one, easily three feet high at the shoulder, and thrown two coils around the body.

Under the tremendous pressure the hog seemed to lengthen, and when the snake uncoiled I saw only a strip of meat, nothing distinguishable but the head. I shot the snake. It was twelve feet long and not over seven inches through, and yet its coils had crushed the bones of its prey like chips.

There is no doubt that hidden away in the vast swamps of the interior are many anacondas of enormous size. Parties have been made up to hunt them, but the malarious climate drives them back. In the museum at Batavia is the skin of a serpent that must have been fifty feet long when living. Such a brute would kill a man as easily as it would a rabbit. I have in my possession the jumper and loin-cloth of a coolie that had been swallowed by a boa. The cloths seemed to have been knotted by hand, so tightly are they rolled. The only party of the body found was the lower jaw-bone. All the rest had been digested.

There are certainly people who have some occult power over snakes. We have here an Indian coolie who is insane from a blow on the head. He is harmless, and yet a terror to his countrymen, and he always has one or more venomous serpents about his person, and these he will handle and gabble to by the hour. We have a coral snake, bright scarlet, known as the kora. It is deadly in its bite, and vicious in temper, fighting to the last, yet in the coolie's hands it is inert, and makes no attempt to bite, but if he puts it on the ground it will attack anything in the way, killing chickens with one dart. It is a horrible sight to see the coolie come in with a gray cobra, six feet long, coiled around his neck, its hood erect and striking at everything that comes near. So, much to his grief, Shamul was told, under penalty of a thrashing, not to bring any more snakes into the compound.

There is one curious reptile here, fortunately not very common. It is not venomous, and about seven feet long, and when angered it emits a horrible odor that is fairly suffocating twenty feet away. It is said to paralyze its prey in this manner, and is much dreaded by the natives. Then we have a very active black snake that preys on the poison snakes exclusively, and is not affected by their bite, as I tried by putting a poison snake and a black snake in a large box. The viper bit the other several times, but was quickly crushed to death.

What becomes of all the reptiles collected and sent to Europe? A German bark left Itaho not long since with five thousand in boxes, one Bari snake being nineteen feet long. We can well spare them, for not less than three thousand deaths are caused every year by the poison serpents.—Philadelphia Times.

—A cubic foot of the best cedar weighs thirty-two pounds green and twenty-eight pounds dry.

G. W. Standley, of Cisco, has sold his farm to Edwin Doane and will move to Browntown, Tenn., January 1, where he has bought a farm of 289 acres.

Duryea, the man who won the first prize in the motocycle contest at Chicago, lives in Peoria, and will probably make the machines there.

Mr. Dean, of Deer Station, Champaign county, who was sent to the asylum for the insane at Kankakee, died there last Friday.

Rev. Jordan Charles, of Quincy, has accepted a call to the Mount Zion Baptist church, of Peoria.

CARRYING NITROGLYCERINE.

Perilous Occupation in Which Men Engage with Absolute Indifference.

Ofttimes at night when the twin cities are wrapped in slumber, when only the "night owls" are out, and every sound can be heard with greater ease than in the daytime, a close observer stationed on one of the many bridges that cross the Allegheny river from city to city might detect a small craft, perhaps a skiff, going down the river. If an attempt were made to learn more about the boat and its occupants or cargo it is probable that the self-appointed investigators would be at once repulsed. From the mysterious actions of this craft's crew any ordinary mortal would quite innocently and naturally suppose that it would be a fit subject for police investigation. The observer could call up stories he may have heard of the "river rats of London" who frequent the old piers of the historic London bridge, that has been falling down in the songs of childhood for many decades, but which still sustains the weight of tramping multitudes. The Thames river is yet so infested with river thieves that a separate and peculiar system of police service patrols its water nightly and explores its secret places when they may be discovered. However the Allegheny river does not compare in any way with the shiny and ill-famed Thames, neither are the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny infested with the parasites known as "river rats," the worst of all thieves and thugs. The man that may be in the little boat and keeps so strangely away from all things animate or inanimate is not employed in any questionable work, but on the contrary is engaged in a calling that is most strictly honest and terribly dangerous. The curious observer whose inquisitiveness might be aroused would, if he knew the business of this exclusive individual, give him a wide berth and heave a great sigh of relief when he disappeared down the Ohio.

It is quite possible, and more than possible, it is probable that the thousands of sleepers in the downtown districts of the two cities, and the hundreds of night toilers and idlers, may some night be awakened and startled by the noise of a most tremendous explosion, such as will shake the very foundations of the cities and leave no trace of its destruction unless it be the remains of a few spans of several bridges. For these men who slip through so silently and unobtrusively on the waters between the shores of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny are engaged in carrying that dreaded explosive, nitroglycerine, from where it is made up the Allegheny river to places down the Ohio, and on the Mississippi and other rivers. This greasy explosive cannot be transported by railroad for obvious reasons and only men who by constant contact with the substance and who have had bred in them a contempt or carelessness for its dangers can be induced to take, for even a short distance, in wagons fitted with the nicest adjustment and safest springs. Thus the placid waterways are perhaps the safest highways whereby this most dangerous substance can be transported. Half a dozen or perhaps more men are engaged in this perilous occupation. They go past large places like Pittsburgh in the night time when they will encounter very little traffic and when the waters are at rest. They are the terrors of rivermen. No matter how anxious a pilot may be to reach port, the sight of the little red flag shown by these wanderers of the waterways is more than sufficient for him to have the engines stop to let the boats glide past each other with as little agitation of the aqueous as possible.

A year or more ago the towboat Pacific left Pittsburgh for Cincinnati. It had not gone down the Ohio river very far when a lone boat asked for a lift. It is customary on the river for a man who may be out in a skiff to tie to a tow and thus be taken the length of his journey. This individual tied up and went along all day. It was noticed that whenever another boat passed he would go out and keep his skiff away from the barges, and was altogether very solicitous regarding its welfare. This strange caution and the strained manners of the lone traveler excited the suspicions of the captain and crew, and it was demanded of him what the boat contained, to which he replied that he was taking a load of glycerine to be shot in the oil and gas wells of Indiana. This information blanched the faces of the crew, who recognized that they were harboring instant death, and they gave him two minutes to cut loose and get away. He did so and the captain very gingerly helped push the boat away, so that it would not accidently bump against the barges.

A witness to the terrible explosion out in the river from Parkersburg several weeks ago, during the hot spell early in June, told a Leader man that the explosion was probably due to the excessive heat or a sudden change of temperature. He said he saw the man wet a blanket and lay it over something as if to protect it from the sun. The next instant he heard a mighty roar and saw the flash of the awful explosion. Many steamboat men are of the opinion that the steamer Cargo, which blew up in the Allegheny river opposite Eleventh street some seven years ago, was blown up by nitroglycerine. It is thought that a can had somehow been dropped into the river and washed to the city, where the boat struck it. A big hole in the river bottom after the explosion made this theory very plausible. These men are ostracised just about as much as they ostracise other people for their own safety. When on their trips their lives hang on the mere possibility of their being able to keep their boats from being jarred. They are avoided as though they were the living reality of Asiatic cholera.—Pittsburgh Leader.

—In the manufacture of pomades the fat is repeatedly melted, strained and purified, after which the desired essence or perfume is added, or the fat is impregnated with the odors of the flowers themselves.

Chas. Reidel, who was arrested in Nebraska for operating a cook stove still, making spirits from sugar beets, formerly lived in Elpaso and Peoria, and was a brewer. The still was made in Chillicothe.

A Campbell, of Clinton, has sold his interest in the furniture business to his father, W. C. Campbell.

The ice companies will allow no skating or fishing through the ice on Pekin lake.

The firm of Powell & Co. has moved to Gilman.

BEAUTY IS POWER.

Perfection of Form, Feature, and Mind Render Women All-powerful.

[SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.]

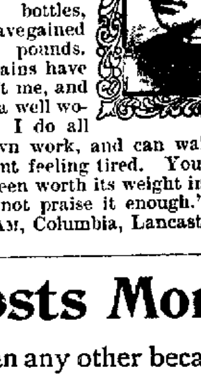


Yet blended with those perfections must be perfect health. Women are today stronger in their character, better, in their nature, truer in their love, warmer in their affections, than they ever were. But most women do not know themselves; and often when their influence is doing the most good, break down. They drift gradually and unconsciously into that tempestuous sea of woman's diseases. Then they should remember that *Lydia E. Pinkham's* Vegetable Compound restores natural cheerfulness, destroys despondency, cures leucorrhœa, — the great forerunner of serious womb trouble, — relieves backache, strengthens the muscles of the womb, and restores it to its normal condition, regulates menstruations, removes inflammation, ulceration, and tumors of the womb, etc.

It is a remedy of a woman for women. Millions of women owe the health they enjoy, and the influence they exert, to Mrs. Pinkham; and the success of her Vegetable Compound has never been equalled in the field of medicine for the relief and cure of all kinds of female complaints. So say the druggists.

Here is another one of thousands who speaks that others may know the truth:—

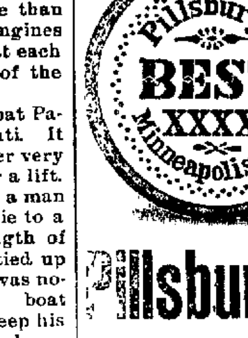
"For five years I suffered with falling of the womb, and all the dreadful aches and pains that accompany the disease. I tried several doctors and different medicines, until I lost all faith in everything. I had not tried your Compound. I watched your advertisements from day to day, and each day became more hopeful. At last I resolved to try it. I have taken seven bottles, and have gained forty pounds. My pains have all left me, and I am a well woman. I do all my own work, and can walk two miles without feeling tired. Your Compound has been worth its weight in gold to me. I cannot praise it enough." Matilda Ehnam, Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa.



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Than any other because it is

Worth More

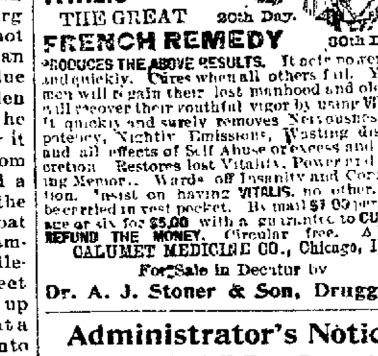


Pillsbury's Best

Is always the best. It never disappoints the bread maker.

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Photographed from Life. Made a well Man of Me.



VITALIS THE GREAT FRENCH REMEDY

PRODUCES THE ABOVE RESULTS. It acts powerfully and quickly. Cures when all others fail. Young men will regain their lost manhood and old men will recover their youthful vigor by using VITALIS. It quickly and surely removes Nervousness, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Wasting diseases and all effects of Self Abuse or excess and indiscretion. Restores lost Vitality, Power and Failing Memory. Wards off Insanity and Consumption. Insist on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in vest pocket. By mail $1.00 per package or six for $5.00 with a guarantee to CURE Or REFUND THE MONEY. Circular free. Address CALUMET MEDICINE CO., Chicago, Ill.

For Sale in Decatur by

Dr. A. J. Stoner & Son, Druggists.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Jacob K. Harry, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob K. Harry, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1895.

ANDREW H. MILLS, Administrator

Nov 30-d3w

TO California in Through Tourist Sleepers, via Wabash R. R.—These sleepers leave Dearborn Station, Chicago, every Wednesday at 11.30 a. m., via Wabash and thence via St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, Texas & Pacific, and Southern Pacific railways, running through to Los Angeles and San Francisco without change. First-class sleeper leaves Chicago daily on same train for City of Mexico with one change at Laredo. This sleeper lands you in Hot Springs the next day at 12:45 p. m., four hours and forty minutes ahead of any other line. No snow or ice via this great Southern Route. This is the only line from Chicago that can offer this excellent service. Call or write to any agent of the Wabash or connecting lines for printed matter showing time, route, rates, descriptions of cars, etc., or C. S. Crane, G. P. & T. A., St. Louis Mo d 4-w2t

JAS. J. FINN ABSTRACTS ALEX McINTOSH MGR

BARGAIN COLUMN.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

WANTED.

WANTED—500 men to take advantage of the slaughter sale of clothing at Charles E. Morgan's, 118 Merchant street. 25 cent discount on all suits, pants and overcoats. Sale commences December 9, and lasts 30 days. Everything marked in plain figures. 13-d3w

WANTED—An office partner whose business would not conflict with mine. George Lower, real estate, loan and insurance agent, Rooms 3 and 4, second floor, Library Block. dec 10-d6*

WANTED—A good blacksmith at once and must be sober. Call or address Jacob Darseen, Dalton City. Dec. d6t*

WANTED—To trade a small stock of hardware and fixtures for city property. Address "Hardware," this office. dec5 d1w

WANTED—Office man, experience unnecessary. Salary paid and one-half profit Goods furnished paid for after sold. Capital required only $25. For particulars call at St James Hotel, Novelty Co., Room 42. dec6 d1w*

WANTED—An educated, energetic lady to take charge of business in Decatur; good pay. Address "Business," St. Nicholas Hotel. Dec 5-d6*

WANTED—A Girl to do general housework No washing. Apply at 1123 North Edward street. Nov 30-d6

WANTED—A good girl for general housework in family of three. Good wages. Call at 849 West North street. Nov. 18, dtf

WANTED—The public to know that Archie Ward has moved his barber shop to his old location, West side Lincoln Square. Drop in and have your rough beard removed. Oct 21-dtf

WANTED—100 ladies to visit Madame Skinner and get her prices before having their fall and winter clothing before having their fall and winter costumes made. Style, fit and workmanship guaranteed. Old customers especially invited. Room 28, Syndidate Block. Take elevator to fourth floor. oct1tf

WANTED—The people to know that they can buy first-class second-hand furniture and stoves of us at half-price. We have a splendid line of second-hand lounges and parlor suits newly upholstered and refinished, just as good as new, bedroom suits, chairs, etc., at very low prices. Chicago Second Hand Store, 259 East Main street, first door west of Grindol's marble shop. All kinds of furniture repairing done at short notice. apr13-dtf

WANTED—An agent in every section to canvass. $4.00 to $5.00 a day made, sells at sight; also a man to sell Staple Goods to dealers, best side line $75.00 a month. Salary or large Commission made—experience unnecessary. Clifton Soap & Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, O. Oct. 8, 1895-d1y

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Six-hundred acre farm on Dry Wood Creek, Vernon county, Mo., land smooth and rich, near three railroads; price $25 per acre. Would exchange for good farming or grazing land in Central Illinois; incumbrance of $9,000, can stand until March 1, 1899, at 6 per cent annual interest. Address L. H. Kerrick, Bloomington, Ills. dec9-d&w1w

FOR SALE—Horses on easy payments. I have some good work horses, and a few good single drivers, which I will sell cheap, for cash, or on time or on easy payments. One good work team for $25. Apply at my sale stable at west end of Eldorado street. E. B. DIMOCK. aug 13-d&wtf

FOR RENT—A large barn for rent very cheap. Call on J. F. Dowell, 1069 N. Water St. 12 11 1m

FOR RENT—The former residence of Fred Kuny, on East Main Street, nine rooms, gas, hot and cold water, bath room, water closet and furnace. Apply to Gus Ahrens, owner. Dec. 12-d1w

FOR SALE—A 40-foot lot on south side Division street, 1 block from Water street. Must sell in five days for cash. A bargain. O. Mueller, corner College and Cerro Gordo streets. dec7 d6

FOR SALE—Pitcher pumps, steel and iron sinks, wood, chain and iron pumps, well platforms, and repair work of pumps done on short order. A. M. Dillow, 359 E. Main street. dec6 d1m

FOR SALE—Bakery at Argenta in good running order. Cheap for cash. Call on or address J. W. Six, Argenta, Ill. dec5 d6

FOR SALE—80x182 fine building lot, east front on North Church street, can be bought for $800 if sold this month, on account of closing partnership business. This is a snap; look it up. Peter H. Brueck, Real Estate Broker, 255 North Main street. Nov 15-dtf

FOR SALE—Nice lot, 40x182 on North Union street, fronts east. $375 buys it; owner wants money. This lot will be worth $500 in the spring. Have horse and buggy at office to show you the property. Peter H. Brueck, Real Estate Broker, 255 North Main street. Nov 15-dtf

FOR SALE OR TRADE 66 acres, 4 miles of Decatur, $50 worth $70.

70, 80, 88, 102, 118 and 220, two to three miles Decatur; part or all city property.

300 acres near good town in Shelby county, well improved, part trade.

320 acres fine black soil in Fayette county; well improved, part trade.

50, 80, 120, 230, 340 acres near good towns in Fayette county, all good selected farms, well improved, 5 to 25 acres orchard, part or all trade.

160 acres fine land in eastern Kansas, well improved, near town, to trade for Illinois land, city property or stock of goods.

160 in Nebraska, 160 in Oklahoma, 160 in Colorado, 480 in Texas, 640 in N. Dakota, 1280 in Buena Vista county, Iowa, for trade.

If you want to trade come to see me.

No matter what you have or what you want I can accommodate you. Office hours, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. S. A. D. Gray and M. Bierwirth, 137 S. Water street. dec2 dtf

FOR SALE—Eight hundred dollars buys three nice east front building lots, 40x182 each, up North Church street. One-half cash, balance easy. You can make 50 per cent on these lots by holding until spring. Come and let me show them. Peter H. Brueck, real estate broker, 255 North Main. nov15 dtf

FOR SALE—A modern dwelling of seven rooms, east front at 1133 North Edward street. Good well, cistern, sewer, out houses, water in yard, concrete sidewalk and paved street. Electric cars pass the house every 15 minutes. Possession can be given at once. Will sell on easy terms. Apply at 1123 North Edward street. sept 27-dtf

FOR SALE—$50 cash and 25 monthly payments of $10 each, no interest, will buy a handsome building lot, east front, on North Church street. What more can you ask? Peter H. Brueck, real estate broker, 255 North Main street. nov15-dtf

BARGAINS IN CITY PROPERTY.—50 feet, corner lot, 5-room house on North Water street—$2,500.

50 feet corner lot, 7-room house on N. Water, $2,800.

5-room house just off N. Water—$1,000.

A snap—I have several good houses, 4 to 9 rooms, for sale on monthly payments. Can take vacant lot or good horse and buggy in part payment. I also have some vacant lots to trade for improved.

Will build you a house to order on payments. S. A. D. GRAY and M. A. BIERWIRTH, 137 South Water street. Dec 2-dtf

LOST, FOUND, ETC.

LOST—A white horse, front feet rough shod, weighs 1,200 to 1,300 pounds. Call at 943 East North street. 9d6

FOUND—The best place in the city for high grand, pictures is at ABRAMS' gallery, over Peddecord, Burrows & Co's bank. For the best aristotype and crayon pictures you should not fail to call. july7dtf

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From the stable, a small red cow in good condition, one split ear, in good milk, tip of white on tail with white on belly. Anybody knowing the whereabouts of this cow will please notify William Dietz, at Standard Oil Co. Dec 11, 6t*

LOST—A package of 5¾ yards of black broadcloth; finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at Republican office. 9d6

LOST—Between the corner of Franklin and South Park streets and Millikin's new bank building, a roll of bills and some silver, amounting in all to $44. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Brunswick Hotel. Dec 5-d6* J. P. HAYNES

MONEY TO LOAN.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**

Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

MONEY TO LOAN—On real estate, farm machinery, live stock, household goods or good personal security. Houses rented, rents and accounts collected. J. W. Redman, 149 S. Water St. Office hours, 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. First stairway north of Brunswick hotel. feb13-dtf

TO LOAN—On real estate security, $400, $500 and $800. George Lowe real estate, loan and insurance agent, rooms 3 and 4, second floor, Library block. nov27 dtf

MONEY to loan in large and small amounts. Loans made on live stock, farm implements, or household goods. All classes of loans negotiated on short notice. Loans on farms and city business property at 6 per cent interest. Apply to A. T. SUMMERS, No. 145 North Water street, over E. D. Bartholomew's Queensware house, Decatur, Ill. july16-d&wtf

LOANS.—I have plenty of money for first mortgage farm or city property. Also money to lend on second mortgage, personal or other good security. Money paid at once if title is accepted. No delay. Samuel McBride, 215 N Main street, Decatur, Ill. june11-d6mos

MONEY TO LOAN—In large or small amounts on good city real estate or farm lands, good notes or personal property. No delay. Money paid at once if title is good. All business strictly confidential. Office open every night. AARON SMICK, 146 East Main St. july22-dtf

MISCELLANEOUS.

ONE DOLLAR per dozen is the price of the "Dollar Special Cabinet at the East End gallery. Thousands of people say the pictures are all right. Be sure to place your Christmas orders in time. 1079 E. Eldorado St. Nov. 18, d&w tf

FOUR DOLLARS PER DOZEN is a high price to pay for cabinet photos, and before you pay it you had better see the $1 and $2 "Specials" at the East End Gallery. Thousands of careful picture buyers have tried them and are pleased. No Tickets. No Agents. Place your holiday orders in time. 1079 East Eldorado street. Nov 23-d&w4w

FINANCIAL—$2,000 on good real estate security. Call on F. Williams, of Williams & Williams, Fenton block. 12-11tf

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

STOCK AT AUCTION.—At the court house Saturday at 1 p. m. Constable Connard will sell at auction 11 horses, 2 lumber wagons, and farming implements. Stock is in good condition. Bargains can be had. One Clyde stallion in the bunch. dec4 d3*

BOLEN & LANNING will take a party of speculators and home-seekers to Eastern Texas on December 11. Call at their office and learn of the great bargains they have to sell or exchange. 5-d6

PUMPS, Windmills and Pipes, the best made, strong, durable and low-priced. Nothing leads the I. X. L. Windmills. Tubular and open wells made to order. R. A. Kelley, 557 North Water street. oct1-dtf

NOW is the time to place your orders for wire flower stands. We have them in great variety of styles and prices. They are not expensive and just the thing. Faust & Howe, 318 North Water. oct18-dtf

C. A. FOSTER—Teacher—High grade piano playing Superior advantages for the "Amateur Teacher," the so-called advanced pupil and "The Beginner." Studio over Dr. Waltz's dental parlors, 345 North Main. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Nov 1-d2m

LOOK—Thayer & Son are boarding horses in first class style for $8 a month. You can't afford to keep them yourself. We have so many we can keep them cheaper than anyone else. 427 East Main street. Old 'Phone 127. Nov 7-dtf

MIDWAY HEIGHTS—Call at Room 514 Arcade, and see Messrs O'Brien & Larkin about Texas lands. Greatest investment of the age. Lots in Midway Heights, model town of the state. Don't miss this chance. oct18-dtf

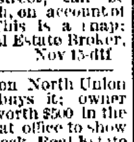
R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

HAIR WORK.—Ladies' hair dressing and trimming in all styles of the art neatly done by Miss Irona Bunch for Mrs. Archie Ward, 119 North Main street, Northwest corner Old Square. All styles of hair work neatly done. Oct 31-dtf

ALL YOU CAN EAT—Do you know that Ed. Day at his restaurant, 227 North Water street, gives the best meal in the city. Good lodging for the transient wayfarer. Call and try our bill of fare. dec6-d1mo

OUR $12 and $15 suits are well worth much more. In style, quality and fit they can't be excelled. Call and see samples. H. M. White, 235 North Water street. oct25-dtf

PUMPS, PUMPS, PUMPS, PUMPS. GEO. M. WOOD; 135 South Water st. Junes-d&wtf



Rev. Geo. F. Hall, preaches at the Christian Tabernacle every Sunday at 10:45 and 7:30. Sunday School at 9:30. The public cordially invited. 1,400 good seats, all free. Large Chorus-Choir, and song books for everybody. **Picture Sermons and Sacred Sunday Evening Concerts frequently. "Christ Our Only Creed; The Bible Our Only Guide."**

SEWING MACHINES of all kinds repaired and instructions given at the newly erected repair shop on Pine street, between West Main and Prairie streets. Over 25 years of experience. Drop postal to 750 West Main or call New Phone 131. Oct 31, 1895-d1yr

HEALTH

The Source of Happiness.

Why Should People Suffer When They Can be Cured?

All who have endured untold agonies from liver and kidney troubles, biliousness, mental depression, dizziness, etc., know too well the misery they have gone through. Why? Because they have not found an adequate remedy for their complaints. They need despair no longer. There is a cure for all things.

DR. BENJAMIN BROWN'S

Purely Vegetable Liver and Kidney Pills

are a certain remedy for all liver and kidney trouble, sick headache, bilious headache, nervous headache, sour stomach, constipation, heartburn, mental depression, dizziness, and taste in the mouth, and will purify the blood. Will give you a clear and beautiful complexion and certainly will break up fevers and colds if taken immediately.

The efficacy of these pills has been proved in thousands of instances and testimonials almost without number have been received from men of national reputation, testifying to the wonderful results they achieve. A trial of a single package will convince the most skeptical of the wonderful result it will produce. Without the least griping or pain in the bowels.

None genuine unless portrait and signature of Dr. Benjamin Brown is attached to each package.

The price of these Pills is 50 Cents per Package.

CAN BE HAD OF

King & Metz, 139 N. Water street and A. J. Blaine, 229 N. Water street. J. W. Eichinger, corner E. Main Water streets.

THE DR. BENJAMIN BROWN

Rheumatic Remedy Co.,

2123 Mich. Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 5-deod&w

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Homeseekers' excursions on November 27 and December 11, to principal points in the South and Southwest.

Hunters' tickets to Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas and Missouri are now on sale.

Third Annual Tour through Mexico, "The Egypt of the New World." A special train of vestibuled sleeping and compartment cars, observation and library car, a palace dining car, will leave Detroit, Toledo, Chicago and Decatur, Tuesday, January 14, 1896. The tour embraces Hot Springs, Ark.; Austin and San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, La., and the following cities in Mexico Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes, Leon, Silao, Guanajuato, Queretaro, Puebla, Orizaba, Guadalajara, City of Mexico, the Aztec Pyramid of Cholula, Ancient Aztec City, Taxcala, Falls of Juanacatlan. Side trip from the City of Mexico to the tropics of Vera Cruz. The round-trip rate includes railroad fare, meals, berths in sleeping car, hotels, carriage rides, the transfer and care of baggage, service of guides and interpreters—in fact every necessary expense for the entire trip of thirty days. For itineraries and further information apply at city ticket office.

Wabash Holiday Rates, 1-95-1896. For this occasion the Wabash railroad will sell tickets from all stations at greatly reduced rates on December 24, 25 and 31, 1895, and January 1, 1896 good to return up to and including January 2, 1896.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock Passenger and Ticket Agent Wabash Railroad Decatur, Ill. Nov 13-dtf

B. I. STERRETT

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

SEALED BIDS.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for the construction of a sewer commencing at and connecting with the south side of the present sewer on East William street, at a point six (6) feet west of the center line of the alley running north and south between North Main and North Water streets, thence southeasterly by a gradual curve to the center line of said alley, thence south along and upon the line of said alley to a point ninety (90) feet north of the south line of East Prairie avenue, together with all Y-junctions, entrances, manholes, catch basins, connections and adjuncts pertaining thereto, according to the plans and specifications of an ordinance relating thereto, passed by the city council of the said City of Decatur, on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1895, will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of said city from the date hereof until five o'clock p. m. of Monday, the 16th day of December A. D. 1895, for the construction of said local improvement, including labor, materials and all other matters necessary to make the same.

A bond or certified check in the amount of one hundred dollars must accompany each bid.

All bids will be submitted to the City Council and said City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated December 6th, A. D., 1895.

F. L. HAYS, City Clerk.

Dec. 6-d10t

Assignee's Sale of Real Estate.

The undersigned assignee of William T. Barrackman will, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1895, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, Macon county, state of Illinois, sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder the real estate assigned to me by the said William T. Barrackman, situated in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, and described as follows to-wit: The west half of the northeast quarter of section four (4), township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian. Also thirty-seven and forty-five one hundredths acres, more or less, off the north side of eighty (80) acres in the southeast corner of section thirty-two (32), township seventeen (17) north, range three (3) east of the 3rd Principal Meridian, said eighty (80) acres being more particularly described as follows: Seventy-five (75) acres of the south half of the southeast quarter of said section thirty-two (32) and five (5) acres off of the east end of the south half of the southwest quarter of said section thirty-two (32).

Said land will be sold on the following terms, to-wit: One-third cash in hand on the day of sale, one third in six months and one-third in one year from date of sale. The purchaser or purchasers to give notes for the deferred payments, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from date, secured by mortgage on the land purchased.

Said sale will commence at 2 o'clock on said 20th day of December, A. D. 1895.

Nov 30-d1td JAMES W. RACE, Assignee.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss

In the Circuit Court to the January Term A. D. 1896.

The People's Savings and Loan Association vs. Thomas P. Talbot, V. D. Sain, et al—In chancery! No. 1582.

Affidavit having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court that the above-named defendant, V. D. Sain, is a non-resident of the state of Illinois, and summons having been issued against him to the sheriff of Macon county, which summons has been returned not found as to the said V. D. Sain, public notice to the said V. D. Sain is hereby given that the above entitled cause is now pending and undetermined in the circuit court of Macon county; and that unless you, the said V. D. Sain, shall personally be and appear before the circuit court of Macon county, at a term thereof to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur in said county and state, on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1896, and then and there plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed against you, and a decree rendered according to the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 1895.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk of said Court.

nov11-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1896

Charles Wehner vs. Keziah Wehner—Chancery.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of Keziah Wehner, defendant above named, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the said circuit court of Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Keziah Wehner that the complainant filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, on the 30th day of November, 1895, and that thereupon a summons issued out of said court against said defendant, Keziah Wehner, returnable on the 13th day of January, 1896, as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said Keziah Wehner, shall personally be and appear before the said circuit court of Macon county, on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden in Decatur, in said county, on the 13th day of January, 1896, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same and the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken and confessed, and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.

W. E. Redman, Sol. dec 2-d4w

Special Tax Notice.

Public notice is hereby given that the county court of Macon county, Illinois, has rendered judgment for special tax upon property abutting upon the following improvement, to-wit: The construction of a certain sewer commencing at and connecting with the present sewer on Pugh street, at a point ten (10) feet east of the intersection of the alley running north and south between North Water and North Main street, and said present sewer, thence southwesterly by a gradual curve to the center line of said alley, thence south on the center line of said alley to the north line of Packard street, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office.

That a warrant for the collection of such special taxes is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the collector's office, being the city clerk's office at the court house, in said city, within thirty days from the date hereof.

Dated, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1895.

dec11-d30d F. L. HAYS, City Clerk.

Special Tax Notice.

Public notice is hereby given that the county court of Macon county, Illinois, has rendered judgment for special tax upon property abutting upon the following improvement, to-wit: The construction of a sewer on North Main street, in the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, from the present sewer on Pugh street north on North Main street to a point fifty (50) feet north of the north line of Johnson avenue, as will more fully appear from a certified copy of the judgment on file in my office.

That a warrant for the collection of such special taxes is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amounts assessed at the collector's office, being the city clerk's office at the court house in said city, within thirty days from date hereof.

Dated this 18th day of November, A. D. 1895.

Nov 18-d30d F. L. HAYS, City Clerk.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Hugh Mitchell, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Hugh Mitchell, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1895.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Administrator.

Dec 5-d3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of fee bill to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of The People of the State of Illinois and against George Tucker, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot 30, block one (1), LeForgee & Patterson's addition to the city of Decatur, Ill., taken as the property of the said George Tucker, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur in Macon county, in said state, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 22d day of November, A. D. 1895.

J. P. NICHOLSON,

Nov 22-dtd Sheriff Macon County, Illinois

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the assignment of Nathaniel T. Watson: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Nathaniel T. Watson, and all persons holding any claim or claims against the said Nathaniel T. Watson are hereby notified to present the same to me under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether such claims are due or not. All persons indebted to such assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same

Dated this 20th day of November, 1895.

CHARLES S. HANKINS, Assignee.

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss.

In the Circuit Court, of Macon county, Illinois

Albert L. Mier et al., vs. George B. Mier, et al. } Bill for Partition. No. 1521?

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered at the September term, 1895, of said court in the above entitled cause, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on Wednesday, December, 18th, 1895, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. at the front door of the county court house in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction the real estate in said decree described and ordered to be sold, being the following described real estate to-wit:

Beginning 12.97 chains south of the northeast corner of section 8, township 15 north, range 2 east of the 3d Principal Meridian, thence running south 9.13 chains, thence west 27.50 chains, thence north 9.13 chains, thence east 27.50 chains to the beginning, containing 25.11 acres, and known as lot 4 in the commissioners report for partition in the certain proceedings in chancery in this court No. 4235, wherein Dillis McAfee was complainant and Sarah McAfee et al, were defendants. Also beginning at the southeast corner of lot 4, thence south 9.13 chains, thence west 27.50 chains, thence north 9.13 chains, thence east 27.50 chains to the beginning, containing 25.11 acres and known as lot 5 in the said McAfee proceedings.

Also beginning at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 8, township 15 north, range 2, east of the 3d principal meridian, thence running west 27.50 chains, thence north 9.13 chains, thence east 27.50 chains to the section line, thence south 9.13 chains to the beginning, containing 25.11 acres, and known as lot 6 in the said McAfee proceedings.

Also, beginning at the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of said section 8, township and range aforesaid, thence running north 20.07¼ chains, thence east 12.?? chains, thence south 20.07¼ chains, thence west 12.97 chains to the beginning, containing 26.02 acres, known as Lot 2 in said McAfee proceedings.

Also beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 2, thence north 20.07¼ chains, thence east 12.95 chains, thence south 20.07¼ chains, thence west 12.96 chains to the place of beginning, containing 26 acres, known as Lot 1 in said McAfee proceedings.

Terms of Sale—One-third cash in hand on day of sale, one-third in one year and one-third in two years from said date, or purchaser may pay one-half cash and one-half in two years, in either case the deferred payments to be secured by notes and mortgage on property sold or purchaser may pay all cash if he so desires.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 18th day of November, 1895.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery

W. H. Black, Solicitor for Complainant

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court, January Term, A. D. 1896

Amanda Wilson et al. vs. Rebecca Belle Barnet et al.

To Rebecca Belle Barnet, Malinda F. Alexander, William F. Alexander, Lucy A. Francis, Minerva O. Alexander, Bertha Alexander, William A. Adkins, Mary J. Adkins, George M. Adkins, David Farney, James Farney, Anna Farney, John Thomas Farney, Howard Farney, Myrtle Hammond, Maude Hammond, John H. Alexander and Henry Alexander: You and each of you are hereby notified that there is a certain suit now pending and undetermined in the circuit court of Macon county, state of Illinois, wherein Amanda Wilson, Mary F. Jones, Charles Jones, John D. Farney, Mary J. Farney, George W. Farney, Nancy Farney, Ruth A. Britton, Josiah Hatton, William Farney and Ella Farney are complainants, and Rebecca Belle Barnet, Malinda F. Alexander, William F. Alexander, Lucy A. Francis, Minerva O. Alexander, Bertha Alexander, William A. Adkins, Mary J. Adkins, George M. Adkins, David Farney, James Farney, Anna Farney, John Thomas Farney, Howard Farney, Myrtle Hammond, Maude Hammond, John H. Alexander, Henry Alexander, John Tolberd and Chris Gullet are defendants, and that summons in said cause is issued, returnable in said court to be held at the court house in Decatur, in the county of Macon, in the state of Illinois, on the second month of January, A. D. 1896. Now, unless you appear and plead, answer or demur to said bill, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 3d day of December, A. D. 1895.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk

Bunn & Park, Complainants' Solicitors

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss

In the Circuit Court, to January Term, A. D. 1896.

Nathaniel M. Fickes vs. Malissa A. Fickes Divorce.

A proper affidavit having been filed in said cause. Public notice is hereby given to Malissa A. Fickes that Nathaniel M. Fickes, the complainant in the above entitled cause has heretofore filed a bill for a divorce against Malissa A. Fickes: That said cause is now pending in said court to said term to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county and state commencing on the second Monday of January A. D. 1896: That a summons issued out of said court in said cause returnable on the first day of the next term thereof.

Now therefore, if you Malissa A. Fickes shall fail to appear at said term of said court on the first day thereof, and shall fail to plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint filed in said cause; the allegations contained in said bill will be taken as true and a decree by default entered against you.

Dated this 22d day of November, A. D. 1895.

Nov 22-d4w E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.

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R. R. TIME TABLES.

Wabash Line

FROM ST. LOUIS.	TO ST. LOUIS.
No. 10 Pass† .. 6:45 p m	No. 9 Pass† .. 6:?5 a m
" 4 Pass* .. 11 57 a m	" 3 Pass* [illegible]
" 44 Pass* .. 11:25 a m	" 43 Pass* [illegible]
" 4? Pass* .. 10:13 p m	" 45 Pass* [illegible]
" 2 Pass* .. 12 40 a m	" 5 Pass* [illegible]

FROM QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.	TO QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.
No. 42 Pass* .. 10:05 p m	No. 41 Pass* [illegible]
" 44 Pass* .. 11:05 a m	" 45 Pass* [illegible]
" 6 Pass* .. 6:05 a m	" 1 Pass* [illegible]
" 48 Acct .. 7:00 p m	" 47 Acct [illegible]
" 70 Freight 11:05 a m	" 71 Freight [illegible]

FROM TOLEDO AND DETROIT.	TO TOLEDO AND DETROIT.
No. 43 Pass* .. 3:50 a m	No. 46 Pass* [illegible]
" 45 Pass* .. 8:55 p m	" 44 Pass* 11 ?? a m
" 41 Pass† .. 9:50 p m	" 42 Pass* 1? ?? p m
" 47 Pass* ..	" 48 Pass*
from Bement 10:?? a m	to Bement [illegible]

FROM CHICAGO.	TO CHICAGO.
No. 3 Pass* .. 3:30 a m	No. 2 Pass* [illegible]
" 5 Pass* .. 4:05 p m	" 4 Pass* 12:?? p m
" 1 Pass† .. 8:50 p m	" 6 Pass* [illegible]

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily ....1:41 a m	Diamond Special, daily ..... [illegible] a m
No. 122 pass. ex. Sunday ....9:40 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday [illegible] a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday ....2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday [illegible] a m
No. 126 pass. ex. Sunday ....6:10 p m	No. 103 pass. ex. Sunday [illegible] p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday ....8:15 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday [illegible] a m

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ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass .....2:35 p m	No. 2 Pass .. 11 ?0 a m
" 3 Pass .....4:05 a m	" 4 Pass .. [illegible] p m
" 7 Mixed ..10:00 a m	" 8 Mixed [illegible] a m
" 9 Freight ..8:00 p m	" 10 Freight [illegible] a m

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NORTH.	SOUTH.
No. 2 Pass .... 2:05 p m	No. 1 Pass .. [illegible] a m
" 4 Pass .... 4:10 a m	" 3 Pass .. [illegible] p m
" 20 Pass ......7:00 a m	" 21 Pass .. [illegible] p m
" 10 Freight 10:45 a m	" 11 Freight .. [illegible] p m

Vandalia Line.

ARRIVE.

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From Peoria........8:50 p m—9:05 p m

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